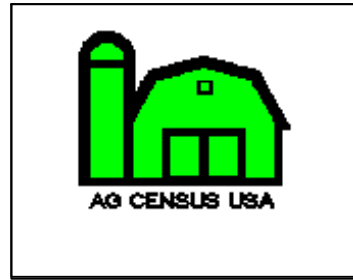


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Land in farms

Decreased 20 percent from 455,873 acres in 1992 to 363,034 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 26 percent from 5,771 acres in 1992 to 4,271 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 40 percent from 25 farms in 1992 to 35 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

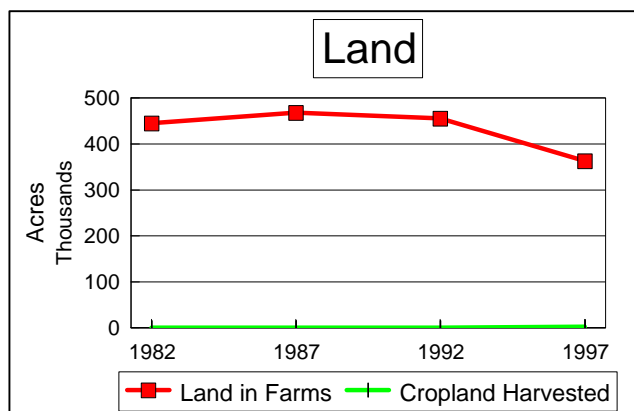
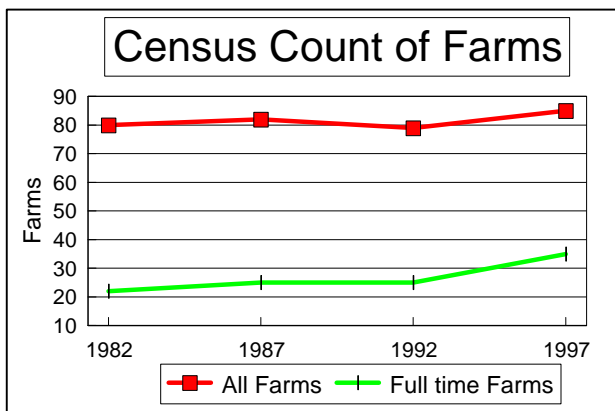
Decreased 12 percent to \$1,800,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 18 percent from \$25,771 in 1992 to \$21,181 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,800	251	254	2,960	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	935	252	254	2,885	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	865	215	252	2,759	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	855	253	254	2,604	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	292	113	177	504	709
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	84	206	978	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	232	181	250	2,251	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	132	189	2,188	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,383	252	254	2,585	3,063
All goats sold	206	140	243	456	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	12	233	242	2,894	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	5	248	254	2,877	3,015
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	111	173	609	1,580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,484	252	254	2,526	3,064
All goat inventory	361	161	247	666	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	176	241	254	2,652	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	29	211	244	2,548	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	19	223	246	2,848	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	1,208	111	178	468	713
Hay crops-acres	643	243	253	2,921	3,061
Oats-acres	(D)	122	185	1,595	2,332
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	110	206	1,325	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	42	188	236	1,508	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	55	51	8
\$10,000 or more	30	28	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,466	1,679	-13
Average per farmdollars..	17,243	21,257	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	335	357	-6
Average per farmdollars..	3,938	4,513	-13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	73	68	7
Partnership or corporation	9	9	
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	35	25	40
Other	50	54	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	75	72	4
Female	10	7	43
Operators by race:			
White	85	75	13
Black and other races	-	4	-100
Average age of operator	55.0	54.6	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.