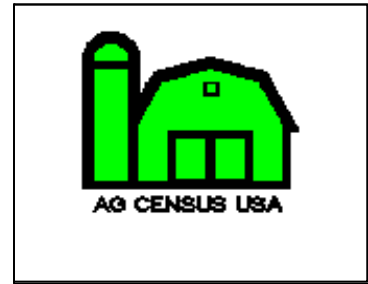


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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 644,730 acres in 1992 to 679,275 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 506 acres in 1992 to 504 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 758 farms in 1992 to 722 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

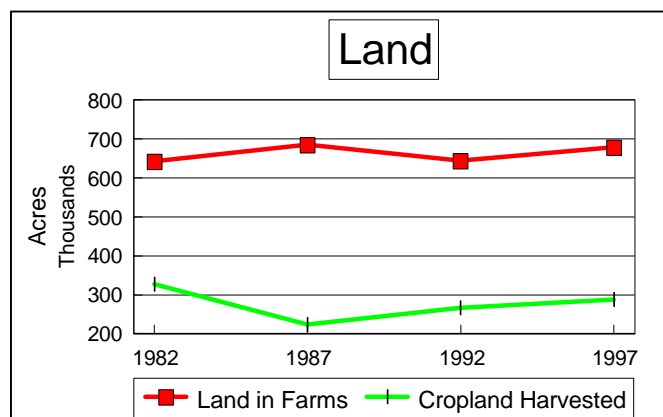
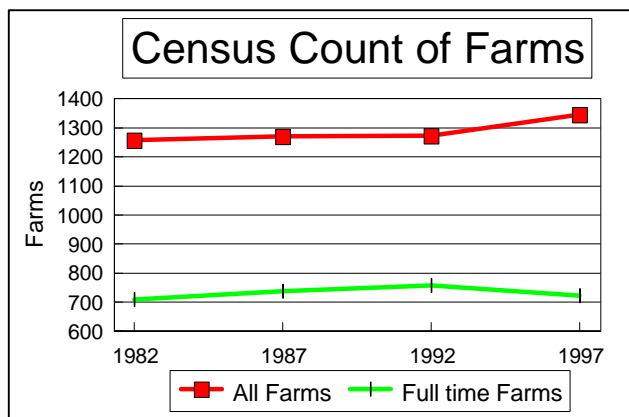
Increased 18 percent to \$133,550,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$89,108 in 1992 to \$99,146 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	133,550	22	254	306	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	106,444	4	252	123	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	27,107	72	254	963	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	37,970	1	132	17	1,971
Nursery and greenhouse crops	26,466	5	189	77	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	18,179	25	177	83	709
Cattle and calves	17,999	72	254	470	3,063
Grain sorghum	12,333	5	208	8	1,275
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	146	178	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	37,877	85	254	458	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	668	105	242	1,946	2,976
All goats sold	268	127	243	363	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	233	52	123	562	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	7	245	93	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	7	203	112	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	69,904	70	254	330	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	12	159	233	1,790
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	18	185	295	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	88,316	6	219	7	1,508
Rice-acres	63,885	1	22	18	153
Cotton-acres	53,341	31	178	69	713
Corn for grain-acres	27,019	18	178	714	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	23,673	3	119	752	2,144

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	682	578	18
\$10,000 or more	665	695	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	125,355	90,961	38
Average per farmdollars..	93,062	71,454	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,836	21,347	-68
Average per farmdollars..	5,075	16,769	-70
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,038	1,011	3
Partnership or corporation	296	255	16
Other	13	7	86
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	722	758	-5
Other	625	515	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,238	1,191	4
Female	109	82	33
Operators by race:			
White	1,285	1,228	5
Black and other races	62	45	38
Average age of operator	53.7	53.0	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.