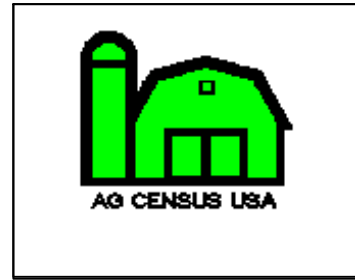


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Land in farms

Decreased 25 percent from 622,130 acres in 1992 to 467,605 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 23 percent from 1,748 acres in 1992 to 1,344 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 240 farms in 1992 to 221 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

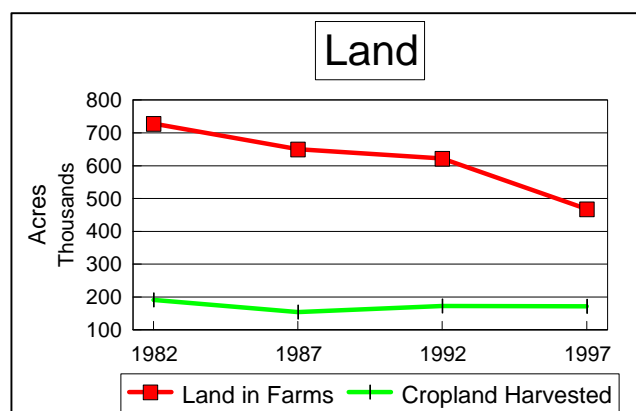
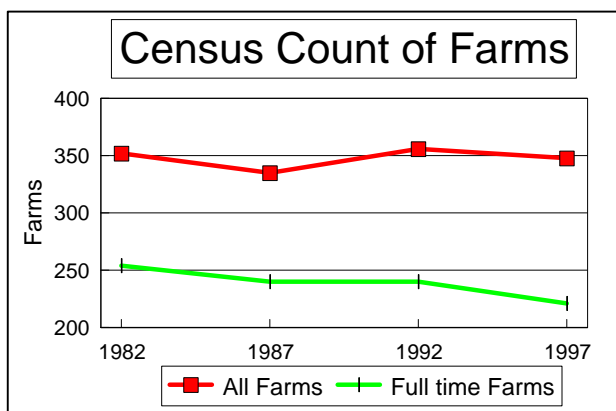
Increased 5 percent to \$72,471,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$194,218 in 1992 to \$208,251 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	72,471	44	254	797	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	49,962	34	254	506	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	22,509	51	252	1,169	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	49,886	23	254	129	3,063
Grain sorghum	7,755	11	208	33	1,275
Wheat	6,760	12	211	295	2,578
Corn for grain	6,462	22	160	710	2,582
Soybeans	776	24	119	1,238	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	87,086	25	254	127	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	542	114	242	2,027	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	13	214	235	2,594	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	11	237	254	2,702	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	238	243	2,467	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	70,140	69	254	323	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	487	98	246	1,890	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	140	223	1,341	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	194	238	254	2,603	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	157	162	245	2,441	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	89,448	10	211	214	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	57,907	10	219	31	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	14,735	33	178	925	2,691
Hay crops-acres	6,104	169	253	2,137	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,492	21	119	1,230	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	122	77	58
\$10,000 or more	226	279	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	57,719	58,112	-1
Average per farmdollars..	165,383	163,236	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,816	7,666	80
Average per farmdollars..	39,587	21,535	84
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	280	275	2
Partnership or corporation	65	73	-11
Other	3	8	-63
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	221	240	-8
Other	127	116	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	318	332	-4
Female	30	24	25
Operators by race:			
White	346	355	-3
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	56.6	52.9	7

(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.