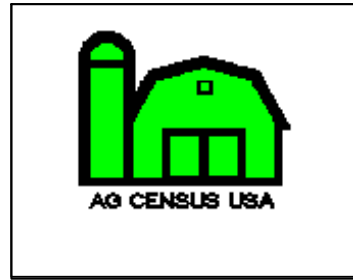


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 166,939 acres in 1992 to 170,684 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 208 acres in 1992 to 200 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 312 farms in 1992 to 316 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

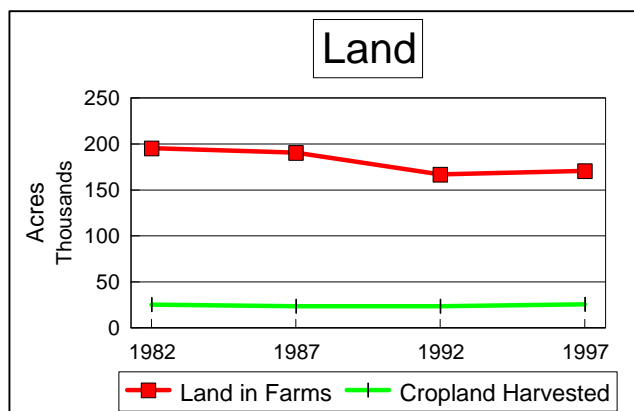
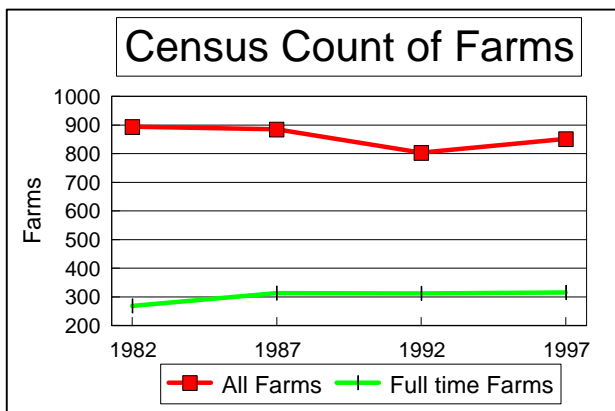
Increased 22 percent to \$22,716,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$23,202 in 1992 to \$26,662 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	22,716	151	254	2,006	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,439	98	254	1,228	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,277	186	252	2,466	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	14,046	18	222	365	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,846	184	254	1,339	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,318	52	189	868	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	756	82	250	1,220	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	103	176	1,943	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,094,736	10	115	212	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	119,299	23	146	446	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	17,035	170	254	1,141	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	6	123	84	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	48	180	620	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,275,515	11	190	216	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	120,451	19	245	387	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	36,213	149	254	919	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,248	72	223	601	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,045	78	254	689	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	24,929	62	253	816	3,061
Field seeds-acres	(D)	5	58	189	1,212
Land used for vegetables-acres	176	83	206	1,004	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	38	192	236	1,568	2,693
All nursery-acres	35	88	167	1,653	2,619

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	625	567	10
\$10,000 or more	227	237	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,026	18,571	-3
Average per farmdollars..	21,157	23,127	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,316	1,110	289
Average per farmdollars..	5,066	1,382	267
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	803	754	6
Partnership or corporation	49	48	2
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	316	312	1
Other	536	492	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	788	741	6
Female	64	63	2
Operators by race:			
White	806	775	4
Black and other races	46	29	59
Average age of operator	56.5	56.9	-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.