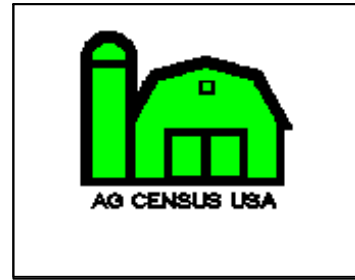


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Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 518,316 acres in 1992 to 558,662 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 997 acres in 1992 to 1,142 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 399 farms in 1992 to 371 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

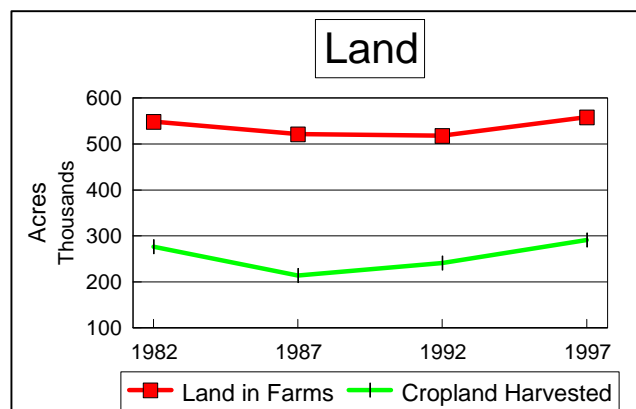
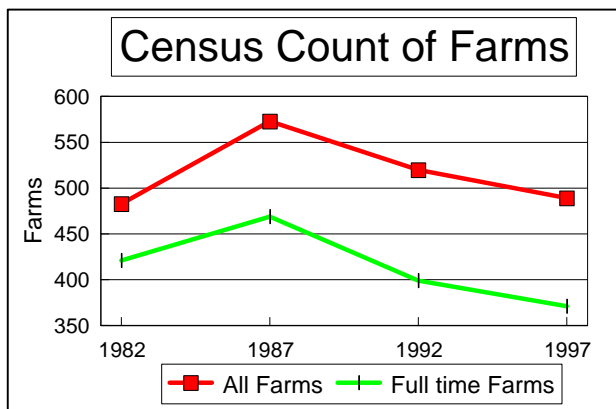
Increased 36 percent to \$668,439,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 45 percent from \$945,220 in 1992 to \$1,366,952 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	668,439	1	254	19	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	578,642	2	254	11	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	89,798	9	252	179	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	568,767	2	254	3	3,063
Corn for grain	42,227	2	160	93	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	25,421	18	177	56	709
Wheat	11,579	7	211	192	2,578
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	5	238	9	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	834,866	2	254	3	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	7	235	25	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	7	242	845	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	69	243	107	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	28	195	254	2,199	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	447,642	2	254	4	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	18	244	62	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	8	246	763	3,005
All goat inventory	(D)	97	247	196	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	218	230	254	2,524	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	100,977	9	211	190	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	87,536	2	178	261	2,691
Cotton-acres	58,330	29	178	59	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	21,600	48	219	124	1,508
Corn for silage-acres	11,024	2	122	107	2,473

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	95	62	53
\$10,000 or more	394	458	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	529,475	429,981	23
Average per farmdollars..	1,084,990	825,299	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	137,523	62,246	121
Average per farmdollars..	281,809	119,474	136
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	355	368	-4
Partnership or corporation	129	148	-13
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	371	399	-7
Other	118	121	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	459	498	-8
Female	30	22	36
Operators by race:			
White	487	518	-6
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	54.0	51.8	4

(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.