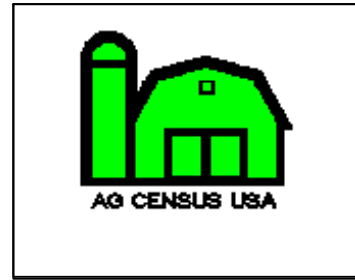


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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 269,146 acres in 1992 to 283,241 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 189 acres in 1992 to 198 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 589 farms in 1992 to 580 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

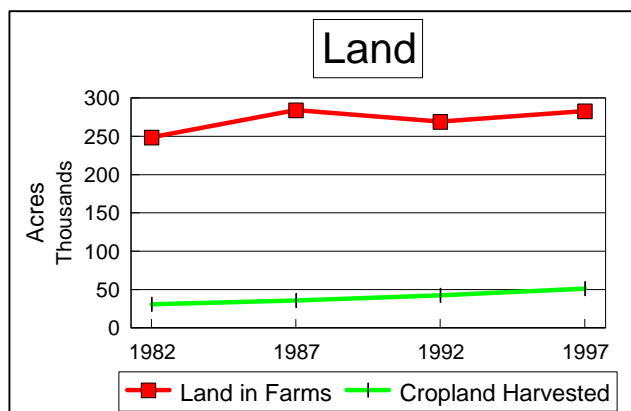
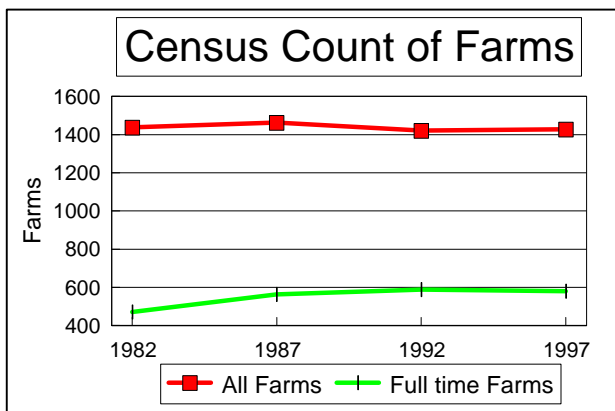
Increased 23 percent to \$103,024,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 22 percent from \$58,889 in 1992 to \$72,095 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	103,024	27	254	481	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	60,086	19	252	421	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	42,938	40	254	618	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	57,186	1	189	32	2,790
Dairy products	23,668	6	176	181	2,563
Cattle and calves	14,188	103	254	640	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	4,838	32	222	608	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,515	35	250	564	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,578,104	21	115	353	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	20	146	413	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	39,681	81	254	429	3,063
All goats sold	216	137	243	439	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	214	102	180	1,154	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	908,511	14	190	246	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	82,595	50	254	226	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	44,599	17	203	273	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	40	245	763	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,475	45	254	384	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	49,242	15	253	275	3,061
Wheat-acres	(D)	153	211	1,696	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	835	38	206	500	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	345	103	236	573	2,693
All nursery-acres	254	29	167	813	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	919	918	
\$10,000 or more	510	504	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	66,031	56,942	16
Average per farmdollars..	46,208	40,016	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	31,547	28,546	11
Average per farmdollars..	22,076	20,060	10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,315	1,304	1
Partnership or corporation	105	110	-5
Other	9	8	13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	580	589	-2
Other	849	833	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,303	1,290	1
Female	126	132	-5
Operators by race:			
White	1,373	1,379	-0
Black and other races	56	43	30
Average age of operator	56.2	57.0	-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.