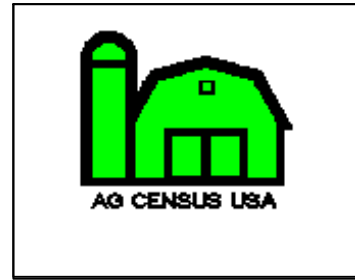


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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 569,212 acres in 1992 to 560,093 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 376 acres in 1992 to 373 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 704 farms in 1992 to 660 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

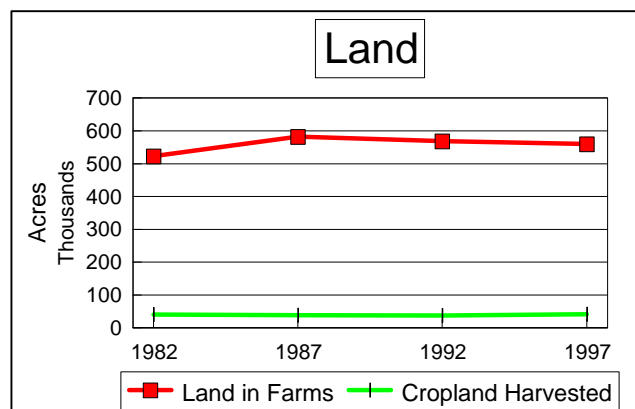
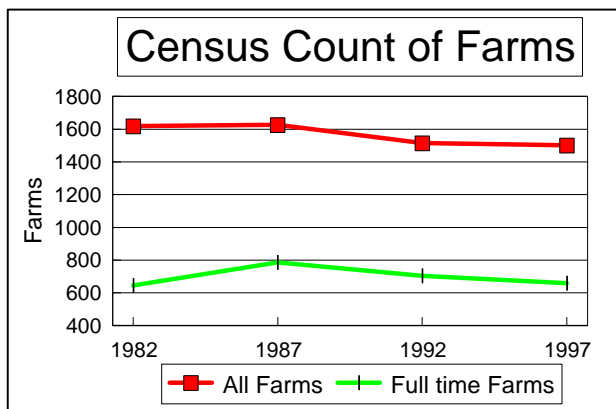
Decreased 25 percent to \$23,240,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 25 percent from \$20,510 in 1992 to \$15,473 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	23,240	148	254	1,983	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,043	92	254	1,191	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,197	187	252	2,481	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	18,583	68	254	451	3,063
Dairy products	1,505	57	176	1,197	2,563
Corn for grain	881	66	160	1,372	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	572	108	250	1,483	3,043
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	59	222	1,133	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	46,896	61	254	328	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	40	146	792	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	36	115	715	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	3,823	30	242	1,326	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	427	94	235	1,344	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	98,281	24	254	138	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	37	245	735	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	35	190	700	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,678	42	246	1,412	3,005
All goat inventory	804	113	247	257	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	29,209	55	253	694	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	6,396	55	178	1,225	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,846	129	219	417	1,508
Land in orchards-acres	1,624	39	236	250	2,693
Wheat-acres	1,251	145	211	1,592	2,612

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	1,065	961	11
\$10,000 or more	437	554	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,213	25,864	-18
Average per farmdollars..	14,123	17,061	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,604	4,476	-64
Average per farmdollars..	1,068	2,953	-64
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,358	1,347	1
Partnership or corporation	127	160	-21
Other	17	8	113
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	660	704	-6
Other	842	811	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,325	1,334	-1
Female	177	181	-2
Operators by race:			
White	1,466	1,478	-1
Black and other races	36	37	-3
Average age of operator	58.8	58.1	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.