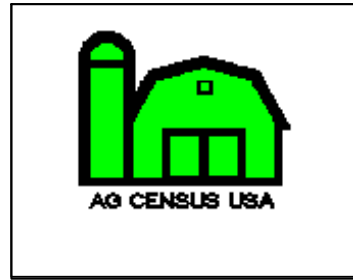


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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 365,618 acres in 1992 to 362,712 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 239 acres in 1992 to 204 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 552 farms in 1992 to 540 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

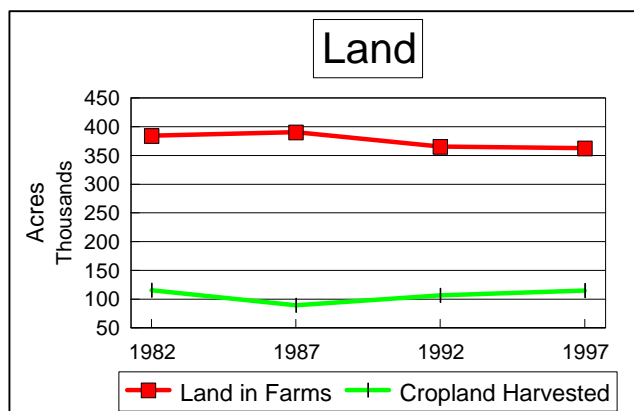
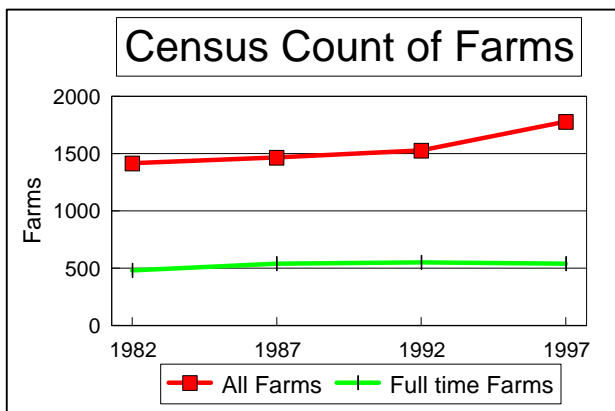
Increased 22 percent to \$53,547,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$28,632 in 1992 to \$30,049 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	53,547	57	254	1,120	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	40,662	42	254	656	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,885	94	252	1,596	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	13	222	282	2,901
Cattle and calves	14,881	96	254	605	3,063
Wheat	5,048	19	211	369	2,578
Horses and ponies	4,521	1	254	20	3,015
Grain sorghum	2,009	58	208	171	1,275
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	146	21	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	30	115	527	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	36,567	92	254	479	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,544	29	180	460	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	41	242	1,446	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	5	245	56	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	159	21	1,790
Broiler inventory	(D)	30	190	507	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	8	203	147	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	59,746	90	254	458	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	45,215	28	211	329	2,612
Hay crops-acres	43,958	23	253	355	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	16,159	57	219	160	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	6,529	54	178	1,219	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	1,520	43	236	260	2,693

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	1,341	1,082	24
\$10,000 or more	441	447	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	48,206	42,932	12
Average per farmdollars..	27,051	28,060	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,236	1,299	149
Average per farmdollars..	1,816	849	114
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,608	1,366	18
Partnership or corporation	162	153	6
Other	12	10	20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	540	552	-2
Other	1,242	977	27
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,544	1,340	15
Female	238	189	26
Operators by race:			
White	1,763	1,514	16
Black and other races	19	15	27
Average age of operator	54.0	54.8	-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.