

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 426,189 acres in 1992 to 425,717 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 280 acres in 1992 to 249 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 571 farms in 1992 to 581 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

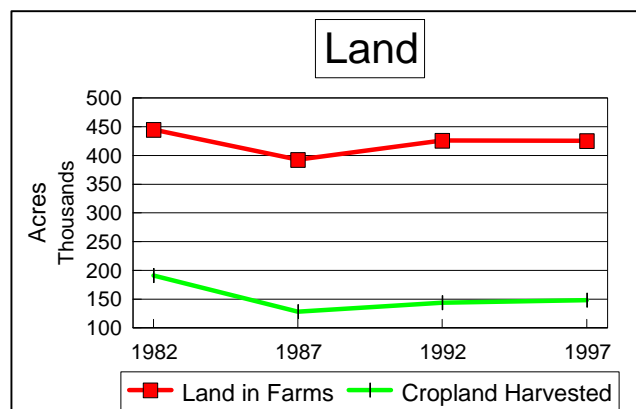
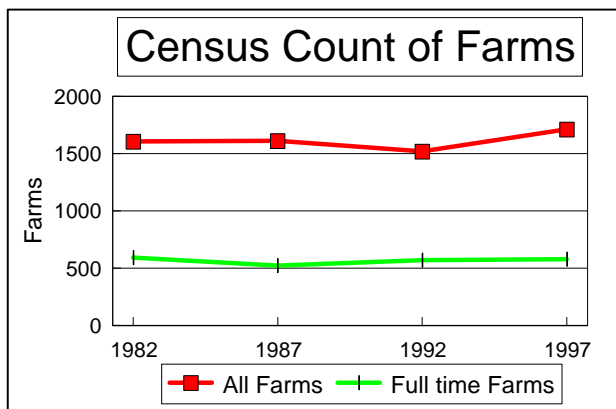
Increased 30 percent to \$40,430,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$20,482 in 1992 to \$23,602 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	40,430	88	254	1,424	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,695	49	252	1,105	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,735	126	254	1,469	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	10,814	130	254	835	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	7,115	46	177	189	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,445	22	189	314	2,790
Corn for grain	4,449	27	160	840	2,582
Dairy products	3,861	32	176	748	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	29,105	117	254	658	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,696	42	242	1,452	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	500	88	235	1,244	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	33	123	357	1,593
All goats sold	472	97	243	206	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	56,096	100	254	510	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,304	21	254	164	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,216	46	223	416	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,524	54	245	1,027	3,002
All goat inventory	1,480	83	247	130	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	48,542	16	253	287	3,061
Cotton-acres	30,737	43	178	117	713
Wheat-acres	26,545	47	211	456	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	22,212	22	178	777	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	16,125	58	219	161	1,508

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	1,316	1,126	17
\$10,000 or more	397	395	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,535	31,909	8
Average per farmdollars..	20,173	20,965	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,781	(178)	4471
Average per farmdollars..	4,545	(117)	3985
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,573	1,388	13
Partnership or corporation	132	122	8
Other	8	11	-27
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	581	571	2
Other	1,132	950	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,527	1,373	11
Female	186	148	26
Operators by race:			
White	1,665	1,483	12
Black and other races	48	38	26
Average age of operator	55.8	56.2	-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.