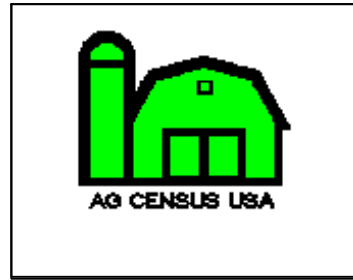


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Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 665,421 acres in 1992 to 709,657 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 410 acres in 1992 to 436 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 842 farms in 1992 to 788 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

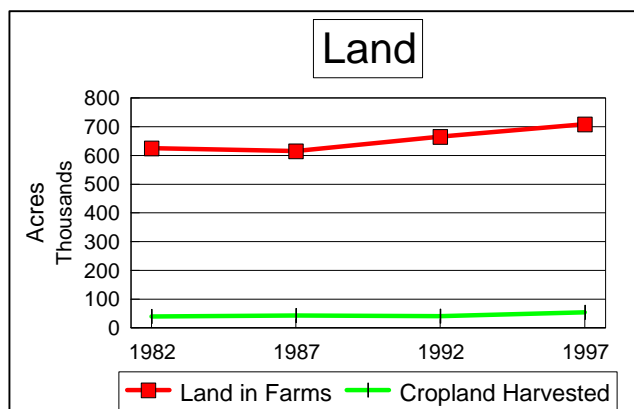
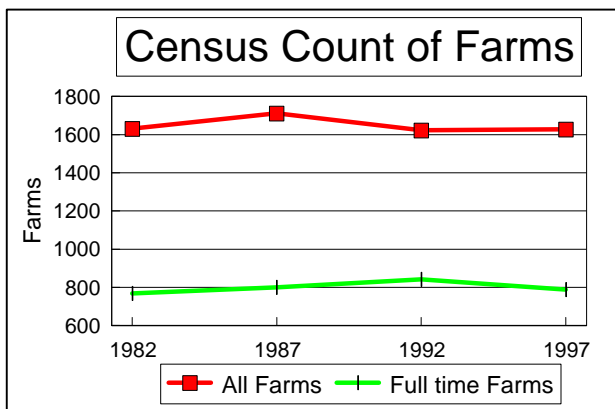
Increased 54 percent to \$294,402,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 54 percent from \$117,522 in 1992 to \$180,725 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	294,402	9	254	67	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	280,530	7	254	36	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,872	88	252	1,536	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	208,982	1	222	10	2,901
Cattle and calves	70,038	20	254	90	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,816	11	189	205	2,790
Corn for grain	1,528	54	160	1,201	2,582
Fruits, nuts, berries	935	13	212	326	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	53,922,823	3	115	23	1,882
Turkeys sold	4,825,427	1	85	10	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	3,734,209	1	146	9	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	149,376	15	254	60	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	42,280	7	180	120	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	9,267,047	3	190	20	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,564,183	1	245	13	3,002
All turkeys inventory	983,575	2	171	26	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	754,383	1	203	8	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	455,383	3	159	23	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	38,284	37	253	465	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	6,059	56	178	1,237	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	5,577	5	236	105	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,811	116	219	364	1,508
Wheat-acres	746	159	211	1,761	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	973	876	11
\$10,000 or more	656	747	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	261,790	164,720	59
Average per farmdollars..	160,706	101,429	58
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	29,562	25,497	16
Average per farmdollars..	18,147	15,700	16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,398	1,422	-2
Partnership or corporation	218	197	11
Other	13	4	225
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	788	842	-6
Other	841	781	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,419	1,433	-1
Female	210	190	11
Operators by race:			
White	1,574	1,566	1
Black and other races	55	57	-4
Average age of operator	59.0	58.6	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.