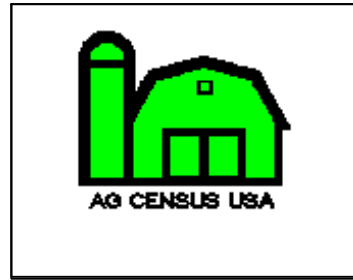


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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 576,013 acres in 1992 to 560,796 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 1,840 acres in 1992 to 1,645 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 17 percent from 166 farms in 1992 to 195 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

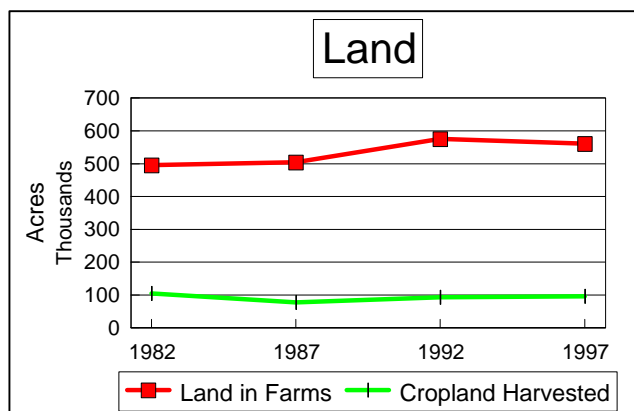
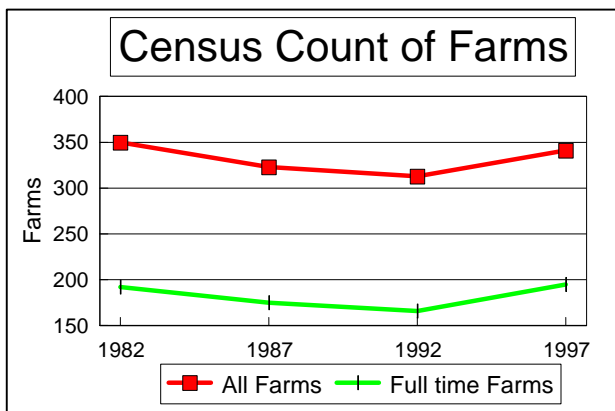
Increased 5 percent to \$85,164,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 3 percent from \$257,990 in 1992 to \$249,747 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	85,164	36	254	649	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	75,584	26	254	301	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,580	109	252	1,787	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	75,325	18	254	81	3,063
Wheat	3,654	32	211	471	2,578
Grain sorghum	3,114	36	208	114	1,275
Corn for grain	1,869	48	160	1,140	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	119	250	1,552	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	114,187	19	254	85	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,627	63	242	1,637	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	84	111	254	1,102	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	232	243	2,021	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	223	235	2,680	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	72,274	62	254	301	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	762	74	246	1,712	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	662	131	254	1,212	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	177	156	245	2,382	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	189	223	2,395	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	56,199	23	211	291	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	25,800	38	219	102	1,508
Hay crops-acres	6,529	164	253	2,086	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,820	58	178	1,262	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,761	44	119	1,450	2,144

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	159	136	17
\$10,000 or more	182	177	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	76,198	67,385	13
Average per farmdollars..	222,801	214,602	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,279	12,637	-34
Average per farmdollars..	24,208	40,246	-40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	271	256	6
Partnership or corporation	62	55	13
Other	8	2	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	195	166	17
Other	146	147	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	307	287	7
Female	34	26	31
Operators by race:			
White	340	313	9
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	58.7	55.7	5

(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.