

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 82,849 acres in 1992 to 83,355 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 205 acres in 1992 to 183 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 220 farms in 1992 to 226 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

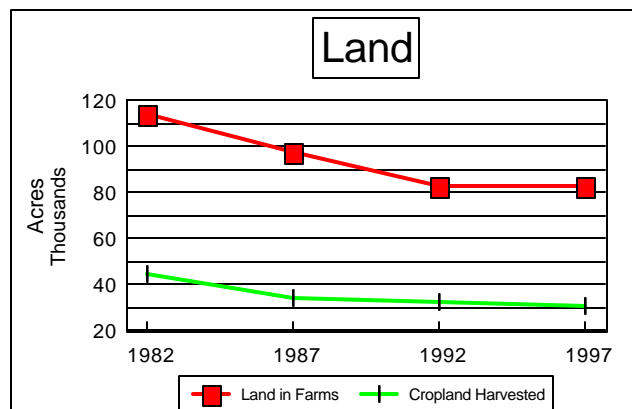
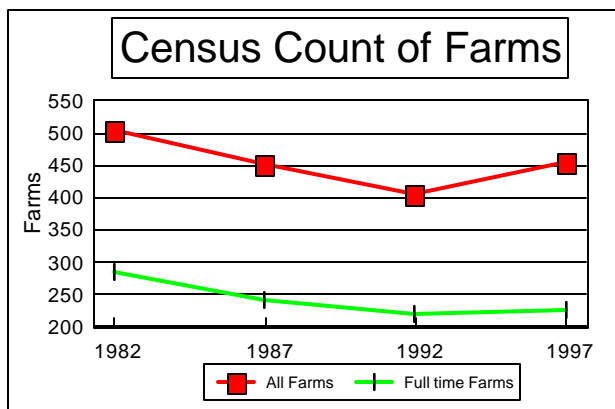
Increased 20 percent to \$25,544,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$52,607 in 1992 to \$56,017 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	25,544	7	14	1,900	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,156	7	14	1,346	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,387	3	14	1,932	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	15,598	7	14	263	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,222	1	14	444	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,556	7	14	2,318	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,149	5	14	796	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	863	2	14	584	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	12	627	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	2	12	694	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	7,143	6	14	1,873	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	2	8	77	1,593
Turkeys sold	(D)	2	13	423	1,353
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	14	581	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	15,796	7	14	1,768	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	2	13	670	2,620
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	13	362	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,916	2	14	569	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	26,973	7	14	750	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,949	5	14	312	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	2,409	6	14	9	427
Corn for grain-acres	568	5	13	2,022	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	519	1	14	632	2,741

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	267	228	17
\$10,000 or more .....	189	177	7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,668	18,377	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,321	45,262	-4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,183	2,328	37
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,012	5,733	22
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	372	345	8
Partnership or corporation .....	75	58	29
Other .....	9	2	350
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	226	220	3
Other .....	230	185	24
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	368	339	9
Female .....	88	66	33
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	451	404	12
Black and other races .....	5	1	400
Average age of operator .....	53.9	51.5	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.