

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 44 percent from 17,710 acres in 1992 to 25,497 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 35 percent from 239 acres in 1992 to 323 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 50 farms in 1992 to 56 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

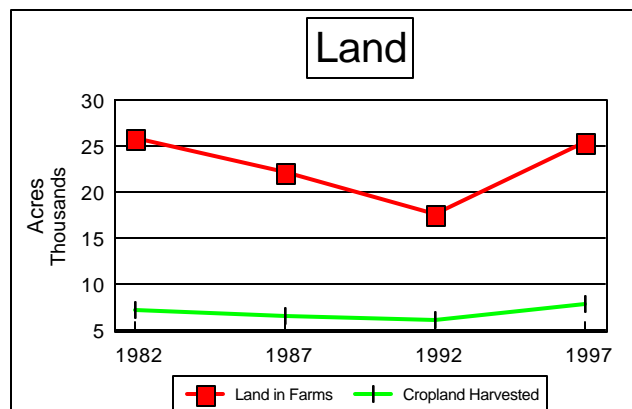
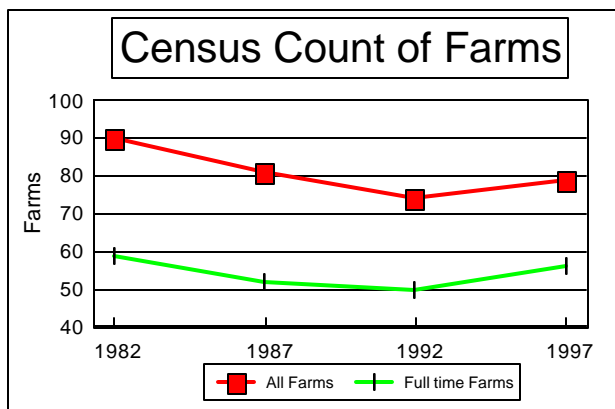
Increased 15 percent to \$6,769,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 7 percent from \$79,829 in 1992 to \$85,687 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	6,769	14	14	2,669	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,468	14	14	2,306	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,301	13	14	2,648	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	5,183	13	14	622	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	10	14	1,087	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	277	12	14	716	2,237
Cattle and calves	275	14	14	2,876	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	171	14	14	2,449	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,610	14	14	2,709	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	14	14	2,231	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	9	14	14	2,919	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	13	13	1,048	1,353
All goats sold	(D)	13	13	2,505	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,345	14	14	2,634	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	225	13	14	2,252	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	13	13	1,624	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	14	14	2,281	2,864
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	12	762	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,096	14	14	2,139	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,249	14	14	924	2,473
All nursery-acres	781	3	14	381	2,619
Maple trees tapped-acres	178	13	14	114	427
Potatoes-acres	(D)	1	14	375	1,733

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 .....	36	31	16
\$10,000 or more .....	43	43	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,593	5,221	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	70,795	70,560	0
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,177	686	72
Average per farm .....dollars..	14,893	9,269	61
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	69	70	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	10	3	233
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	56	50	12
Other .....	23	24	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	71	66	8
Female .....	8	8	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	79	74	7
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	56.1	50.9	10

(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.