

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 91,568 acres in 1992 to 92,452 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 328 acres in 1992 to 345 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 183 farms in 1992 to 172 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

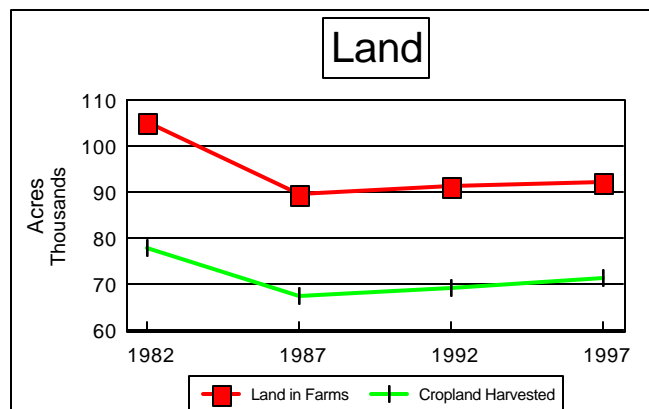
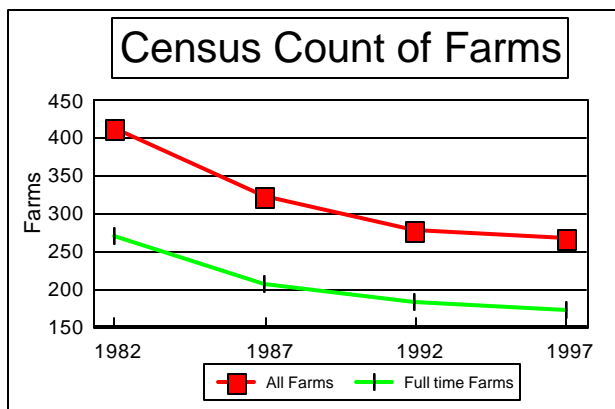
Increased 18 percent to \$84,849,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 23 percent from \$257,368 in 1992 to \$316,601 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	84,849	4	98	651	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	49,703	6	97	510	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	35,146	3	98	818	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	48,978	5	92	123	2,901
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	12,557	1	96	89	2,739
Soybeans	6,043	1	77	696	2,136
Wheat	4,920	1	83	377	2,578
Corn for grain	4,129	1	94	870	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	22,432,410	3	44	84	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	18	68	810	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	18	93	1,183	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	239	91	97	2,981	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	5	17	214	611
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	4,238,230	3	63	74	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	14	95	766	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	991	29	96	1,612	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	439	93	97	2,988	3,064
All goat inventory	187	40	95	1,224	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	43,285	1	77	567	2,144
Wheat-acres	24,764	1	87	471	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	13,536	2	97	958	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,060	2	96	115	2,741
Potatoes-acres	1,262	2	75	150	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 .....	78	84	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	190	195	-3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	73,145	56,811	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	273,950	203,624	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	9,988	14,032	-29
Average per farm .....dollars..	37,407	50,292	-26
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	207	216	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	59	61	-3
Other .....	2	2	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	172	183	-6
Other .....	96	96	
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	245	255	-4
Female .....	23	24	-4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	254	263	-3
Black and other races .....	14	16	-13
Average age of operator .....	55.7	53.8	4

(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.