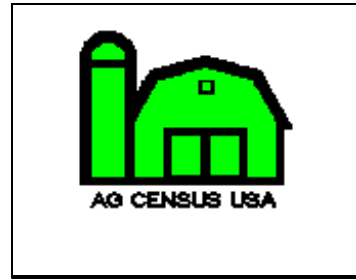


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 81,768 acres in 1992 to 83,387 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 241 acres in 1992 to 241 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 165 farms in 1992 to 160 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

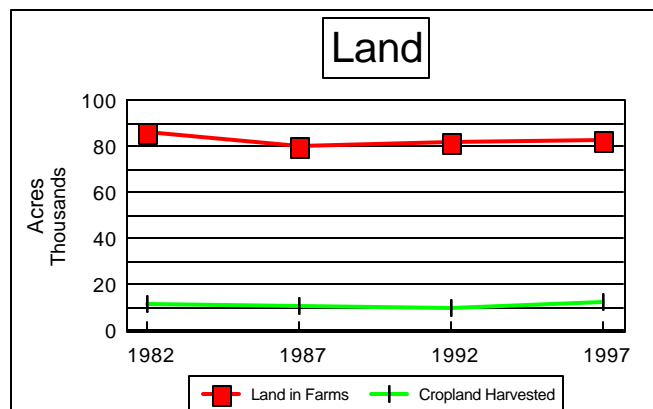
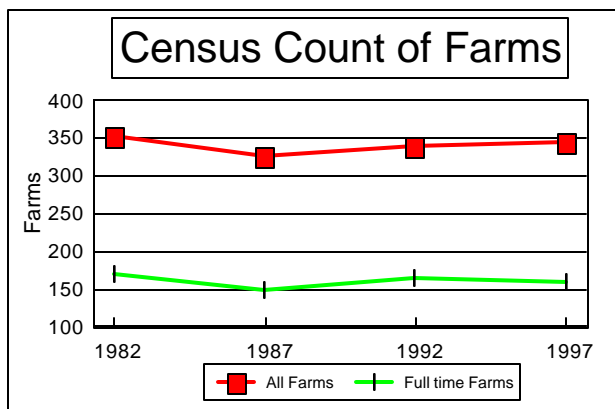
Increased 7 percent to \$7,088,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$19,492 in 1992 to \$20,486 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	7,088	67	98	2,656	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,609	46	97	2,177	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	479	89	98	2,879	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	4,903	29	97	1,474	3,063
Dairy products	1,628	39	72	1,156	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	198	56	97	2,364	3,043
Tobacco	127	31	47	418	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	80	97	1,947	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	10,783	31	97	1,548	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	715	21	89	1,016	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	65	74	93	2,661	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	16	66	96	2,555	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	75	90	2,264	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,601	38	97	1,718	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	891	21	93	1,042	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	504	38	95	1,677	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	219	63	97	2,520	3,066
All goat inventory	147	50	95	1,431	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,161	45	97	1,599	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,238	31	86	932	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	139	86	97	2,316	2,691
Tobacco-acres	41	30	47	419	583
Wheat-acres	(D)	80	87	2,498	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	223	222	
\$10,000 or more	123	117	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,931	5,871	-16
Average per farmdollars..	14,293	17,216	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,118	1,543	-28
Average per farmdollars..	3,241	4,526	-28
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	308	299	3
Partnership or corporation	37	39	-5
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	160	165	-3
Other	186	174	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	317	302	5
Female	29	37	-22
Operators by race:			
White	344	336	2
Black and other races	2	3	-33
Average age of operator	55.7	57.1	-2

(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.