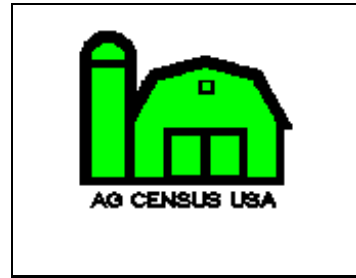


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 166,477 acres in 1992 to 158,735 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 178 acres in 1992 to 178 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 461 farms in 1992 to 420 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

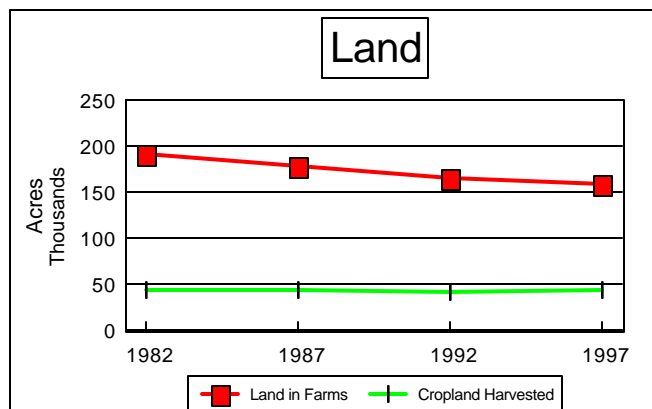
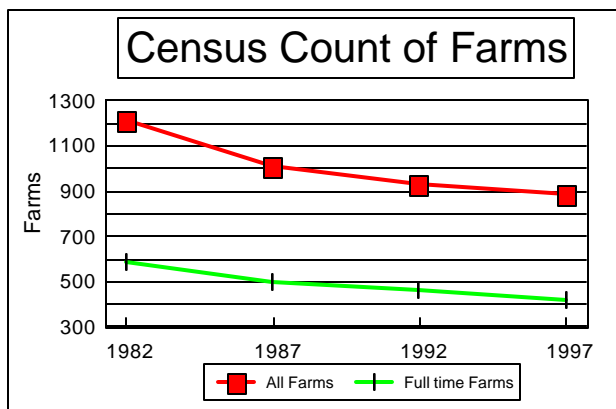
Increased 2 percent to \$40,924,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$42,910 in 1992 to \$45,982 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	40,924	13	98	1,411	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	33,380	9	97	801	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,544	36	98	1,918	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	24,492	2	72	179	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,629	13	97	1,014	3,063
Tobacco	5,065	12	47	159	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	902	8	97	1,038	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	801	37	97	1,083	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	20,793	13	97	947	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	603	42	93	1,987	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	31	44	1,336	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	68	64	89	2,155	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	52	26	96	1,607	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	45,508	7	97	693	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	860	23	95	1,280	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	461	36	97	1,703	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	426	41	96	1,935	3,005
All goat inventory	248	25	95	965	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	28,943	9	97	700	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	11,841	2	86	92	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,914	45	97	1,661	2,691
Tobacco-acres	1,391	12	47	163	583
Wheat-acres	1,208	39	87	1,599	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	555	599	-7
\$10,000 or more	335	336	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	30,556	31,432	-3
Average per farmdollars..	34,333	33,617	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,521	8,026	6
Average per farmdollars..	9,574	8,584	12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	792	820	-3
Partnership or corporation	96	111	-14
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	420	461	-9
Other	470	474	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	816	871	-6
Female	74	64	16
Operators by race:			
White	847	891	-5
Black and other races	43	44	-2
Average age of operator	55.6	55.5	0

(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.