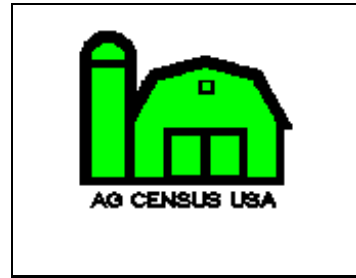


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 98,142 acres in 1992 to 99,926 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 183 acres in 1992 to 176 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 249 farms in 1992 to 243 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

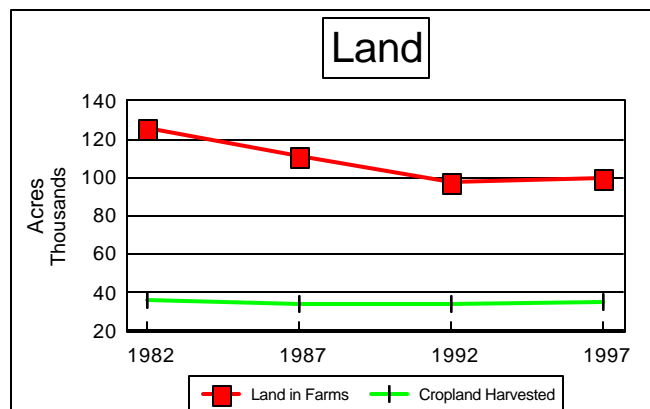
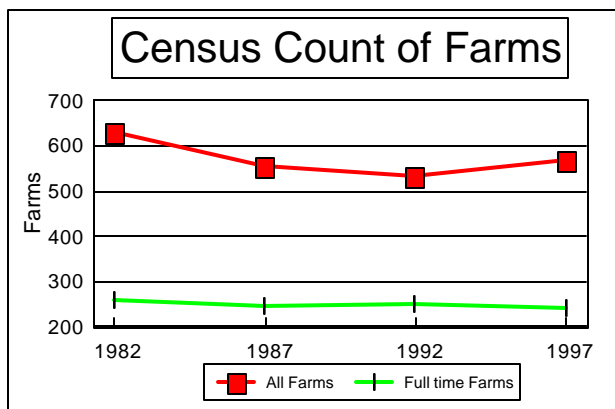
Decreased 13 percent to \$20,530,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 18 percent from \$44,132 in 1992 to \$36,144 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	20,530	28	98	2,079	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	14,294	12	98	1,512	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,236	49	97	2,219	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	10,606	1	91	113	2,547
Cattle and calves	4,043	33	97	1,622	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,043	23	97	695	2,790
Dairy products	1,740	36	72	1,123	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	635	15	97	1,394	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	10,735	33	97	1,551	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,547	25	93	1,471	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	392	28	89	1,380	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	16	40	710	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	96	35	68	1,445	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	18,234	31	97	1,625	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,403	23	96	1,473	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	641	30	95	1,484	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	630	25	97	1,270	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	596	27	93	1,299	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,665	20	97	1,052	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	9,670	1	96	81	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	3,053	34	97	1,508	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,177	33	86	958	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	872	53	77	1,610	2,144

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	395	356	11
\$10,000 or more	173	180	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	17,846	19,605	-9
Average per farmdollars..	31,363	36,508	-14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,844	3,234	-43
Average per farmdollars..	3,240	6,022	-46
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	469	450	4
Partnership or corporation	94	83	13
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	243	249	-2
Other	325	287	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	489	475	3
Female	79	61	30
Operators by race:			
White	566	533	6
Black and other races	2	3	-33
Average age of operator	57.3	56.7	1

(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.