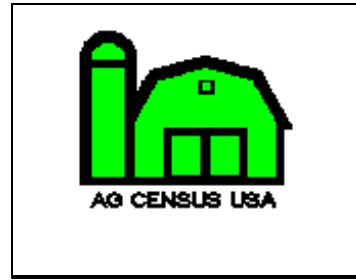


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Land in farms

Increased 37 percent from 6,152 acres in 1992 to 8,421 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 44 percent from 101 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 27 farms in 1992 to 21 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

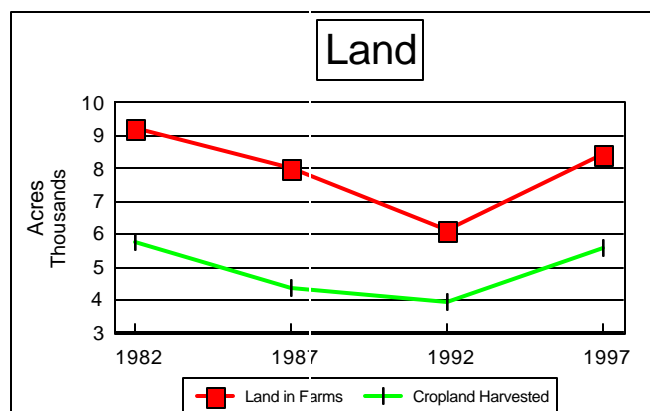
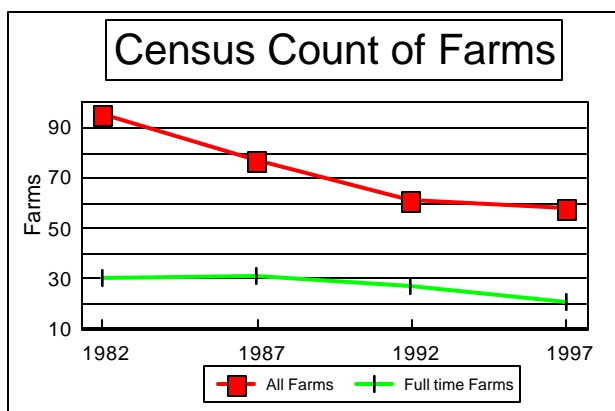
Increased 47 percent to \$3,565,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 55 percent from \$39,630 in 1992 to \$61,471 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	3,565	86	98	2,848	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,385	59	98	2,315	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	180	91	97	3,007	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,488	20	97	625	2,790
Soybeans	465	42	77	1,336	2,136
Corn for grain	221	53	94	1,798	2,582
Wheat	72	56	83	1,837	2,578
Cattle and calves	61	96	97	3,001	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	185	93	97	2,991	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	79	70	93	2,620	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	52	70	89	2,255	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	44	68	1,623	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	12	73	96	2,681	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	18	95	874	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	671	88	97	2,964	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	74	75	93	2,302	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	62	89	97	2,951	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	43	78	96	2,714	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,373	36	77	1,288	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,010	58	97	1,862	2,691
Hay crops-acres	787	85	97	2,905	3,061
All nursery-acres	358	17	93	681	2,619
Wheat-acres	348	59	87	2,003	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	34	45	-24
\$10,000 or more	24	16	50
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,363	2,060	63
Average per farmdollars..	57,991	33,767	72
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	202	358	-44
Average per farmdollars..	3,479	5,862	-41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	47	53	-11
Partnership or corporation	11	8	38
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	21	27	-22
Other	37	34	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	54	57	-5
Female	4	4	
Operators by race:			
White	58	61	-5
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56.3	(D)	

(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.