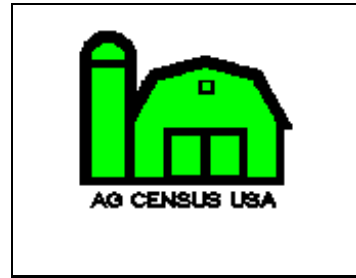


# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 78,691 acres in 1992 to 76,643 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 224 acres in 1992 to 217 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 142 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

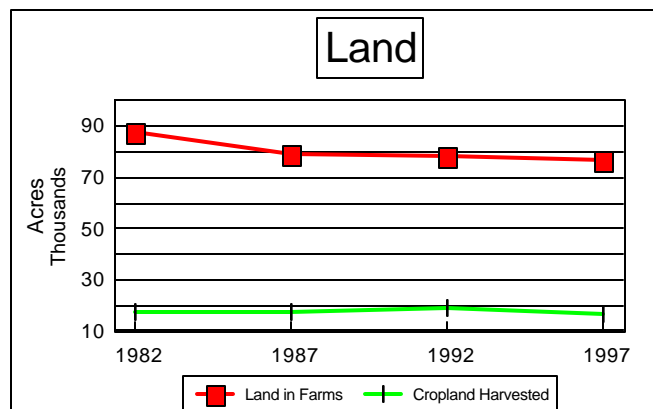
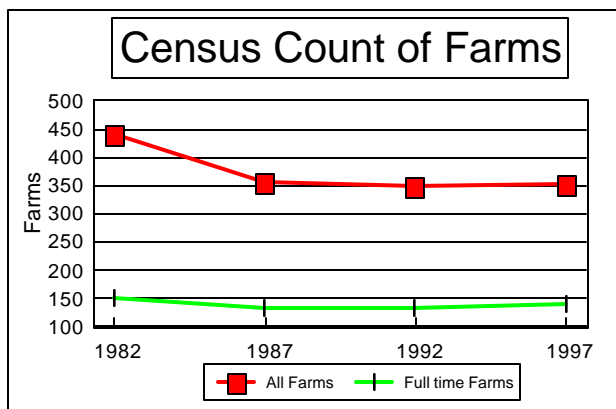
Decreased 2 percent to \$6,764,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 2 percent from \$19,626 in 1992 to \$19,161 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                   | 6,764    | 71    | 98        | 2,671 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 4,874    | 56    | 97        | 2,372 | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 1,890    | 74    | 98        | 2,536 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves   | 3,024    | 41    | 97        | 1,843 | 3,063     |
| Dairy products  | 1,620    | 40    | 72        | 1,158 | 2,563     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 850      | 36    | 97        | 1,050 | 2,790     |
| Tobacco   | 479      | 25    | 47        | 348   | 580       |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 216      | 55    | 97        | 2,301 | 3,043     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)      | 16    | 68        | 684   | 2,203     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 8,065    | 41    | 97        | 1,786 | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 103      | 67    | 93        | 2,563 | 2,976     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 98       | 51    | 89        | 2,025 | 2,765     |
| All goats sold  | (D)      | 69    | 90        | 2,065 | 2,686     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 17,441   | 33    | 97        | 1,671 | 3,064     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 517      | 36    | 95        | 1,659 | 3,002     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 187      | 50    | 93        | 1,899 | 2,864     |
| All goat inventory  | 142      | 52    | 95        | 1,459 | 2,983     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 122      | 80    | 97        | 2,805 | 3,066     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 13,738   | 37    | 97        | 1,384 | 3,061     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 811      | 41    | 86        | 1,167 | 2,473     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 648      | 55    | 77        | 1,665 | 2,144     |
| Wheat-acres   | 641      | 50    | 87        | 1,807 | 2,612     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 538      | 68    | 97        | 2,038 | 2,691     |

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 .....                       | 230    | 240    | -4             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 123    | 111    | 11             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 4,905  | 6,523  | -25            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 13,895 | 18,530 | -25            |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 1,481  | 147    | 907            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 4,197  | 417    | 906            |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 302    | 314    | -4             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 50     | 36     | 39             |
| Other .....                                    | 1      | 1      |                |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 142    | 133    | 7              |
| Other .....                                    | 211    | 218    | -3             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 331    | 330    | 0              |
| Female .....                                   | 22     | 21     | 5              |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 342    | 341    | 0              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 11     | 10     | 10             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 55.6   | 53.3   | 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.