

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 64,856 acres in 1992 to 67,829 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 124 acres in 1992 to 125 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 289 farms in 1992 to 292 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

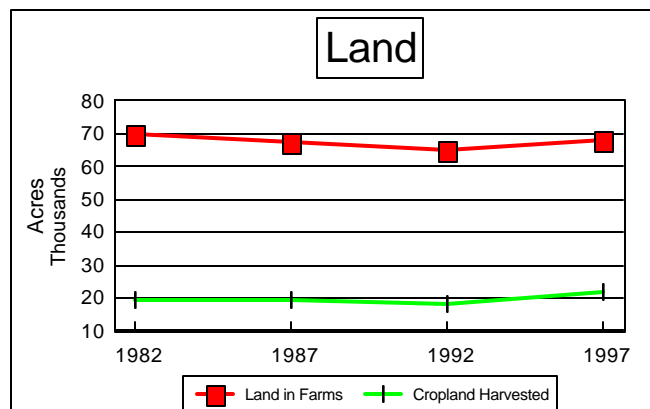
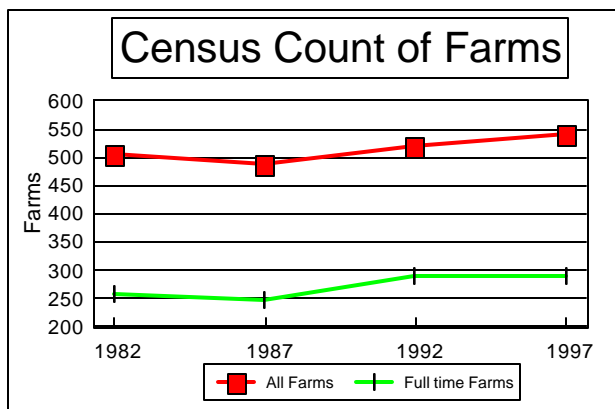
Increased 64 percent to \$115,209,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 58 percent from \$135,099 in 1992 to \$212,955 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	115,209	3	98	402	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	112,904	3	97	149	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,305	67	98	2,462	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	104,695	2	92	41	2,901
Cattle and calves	6,439	22	97	1,260	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,201	32	97	902	2,790
Dairy products	885	50	72	1,475	2,563
Hogs and pigs	485	18	93	1,229	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	44,498,867	2	44	34	1,882
Turkeys sold	2,227,692	3	37	42	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	777,759	2	68	116	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	14,751	24	97	1,258	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,722	20	93	1,245	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	7,209,771	2	63	35	2,620
All turkeys inventory	595,000	4	73	57	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	357,814	4	95	202	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	165,037	2	50	96	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	119,159	2	75	125	2,549
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	15,944	33	97	1,255	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,411	31	97	1,473	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,046	22	86	671	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	480	56	77	1,728	2,144
Barley-acres	431	27	72	536	1,411

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 .....	233	252	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	308	269	14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	100,799	58,359	73
Average per farm .....dollars..	185,634	111,799	66
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	12,077	10,837	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,242	20,761	7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	475	460	3
Partnership or corporation .....	65	58	12
Other .....	1	3	-67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	292	289	1
Other .....	249	232	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	495	478	4
Female .....	46	43	7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	537	519	3
Black and other races .....	4	2	100
Average age of operator .....	56.2	54.3	3

(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.