

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 20,455 acres in 1992 to 23,065 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 120 acres in 1992 to 113 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 73 farms in 1992 to 75 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

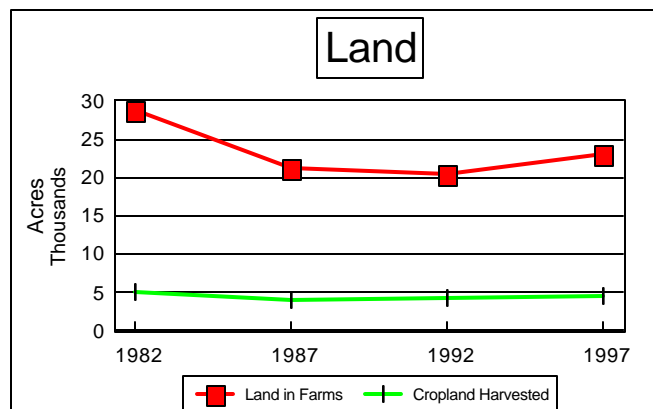
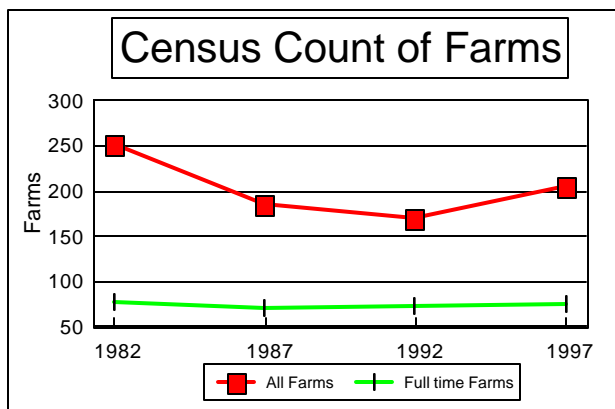
Increased 26 percent to \$1,573,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 4 percent from \$7,356 in 1992 to \$7,673 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	1,573	36	55	2,970	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,134	33	55	2,851	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	439	32	54	2,896	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,118	30	55	2,487	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	280	19	52	1,600	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	144	32	54	2,523	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	34	51	2,281	2,739
Corn for grain	5	34	45	2,430	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	2,799	30	55	2,512	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	73	41	50	2,121	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	62	40	51	2,677	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	21	23	1,435	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	33	35	2,146	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,551	36	55	2,696	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	341	30	52	1,978	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	148	38	50	1,995	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	116	45	54	2,823	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	86	28	52	2,540	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,621	41	54	2,334	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	95	31	48	2,041	2,473
All nursery-acres	55	24	50	1,464	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	46	37	51	2,468	2,691
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	42	6	45	479	1,965

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 .....	180	151	19
\$10,000 or more .....	25	19	32
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,388	912	52
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,739	5,363	26
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	226	241	-6
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,097	1,420	-23
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	197	166	19
Partnership or corporation .....	8	4	100
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	75	73	3
Other .....	130	97	34
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	180	153	18
Female .....	25	17	47
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	203	170	19
Black and other races .....	2	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.8	58.6	-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.