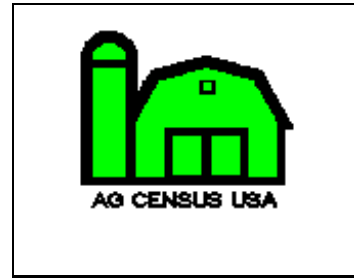


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Land in farms

Increased 36 percent from 15,650 acres in 1992 to 21,339 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 141 acres in 1992 to 162 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 43 farms in 1992 to 38 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

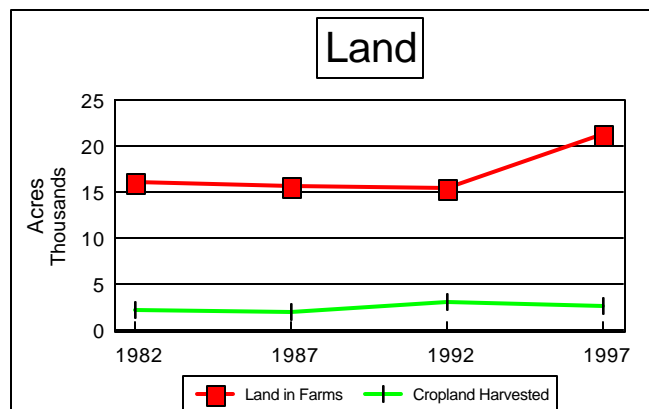
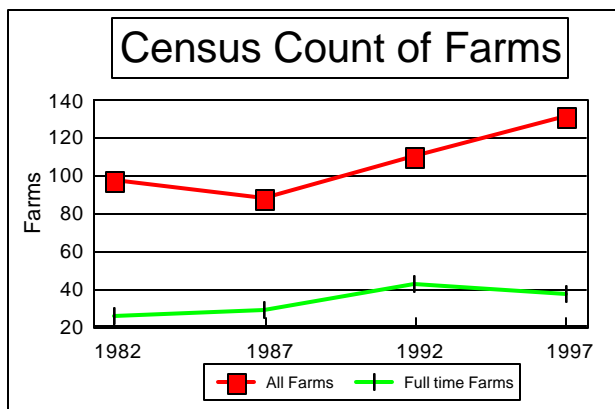
Decreased 9 percent to \$766,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 24 percent from \$7,592 in 1992 to \$5,800 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	766	45	55	3,016	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	596	42	55	2,943	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	170	46	54	3,000	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	542	39	55	2,744	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	35	52	2,011	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	39	48	54	2,866	3,043
Milk goats & goats milk	(D)	1	28	251	1,645
Corn for grain	(D)	23	45	2,262	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,156	41	55	2,794	3,063
All goats sold	132	6	47	743	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	33	51	2,568	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	47	50	2,454	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	24	35	1,913	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,182	43	55	2,816	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	307	33	52	2,045	3,002
All goat inventory	145	24	52	1,443	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	129	43	54	2,783	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	108	24	52	2,466	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,578	45	54	2,629	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	88	34	48	2,062	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	87	29	51	2,389	2,691
All nursery-acres	23	35	50	1,816	2,619
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	13	17	2,114	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	117	101	16
\$10,000 or more	15	10	50
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	793	857	-7
Average per farmdollars..	6,050	7,724	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(123)	(15)	-720
Average per farmdollars..	(940)	(132)	-612
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	119	105	13
Partnership or corporation	11	5	120
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	38	43	-12
Other	94	68	38
Operators by sex:			
Male	108	99	9
Female	24	12	100
Operators by race:			
White	131	111	18
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	55.3	59.0	-6

(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.