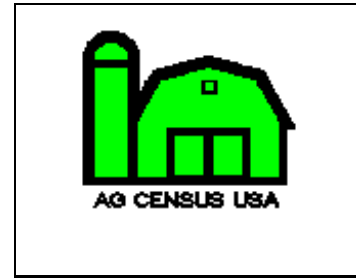


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Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 138,688 acres in 1992 to 151,697 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 174 acres in 1992 to 175 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 349 farms in 1992 to 348 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

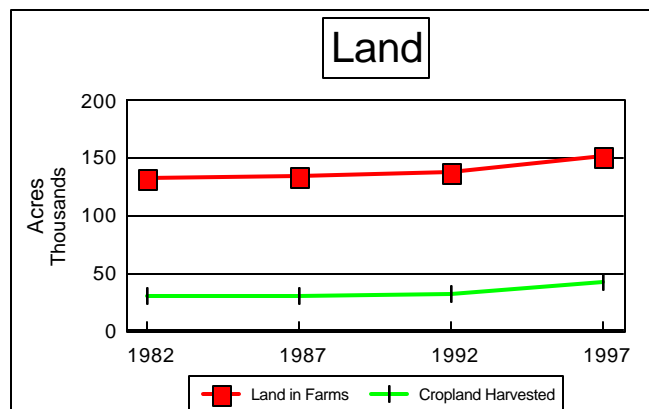
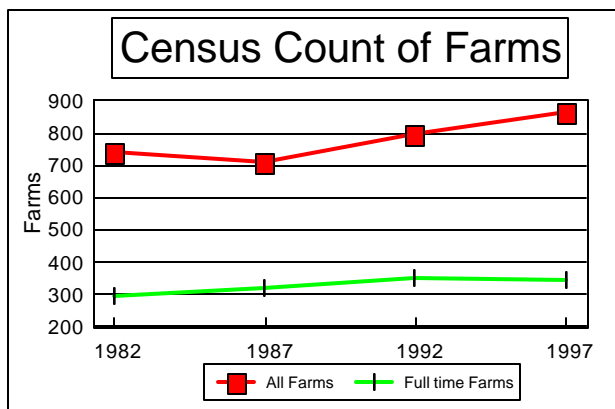
Increased 5 percent to \$10,597,000 in 1997.

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 3 percent from \$12,592 in 1992 to \$12,237 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	10,597	10	55	2,478	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,253	8	55	2,016	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,344	6	54	2,457	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	4,485	5	55	1,541	3,063
Dairy products	3,251	5	41	826	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,212	1	54	747	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	538	10	52	1,303	2,790
Corn for grain	378	6	45	1,655	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,108	5	55	1,433	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	2,325	1	23	107	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	2,284	4	50	426	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,053	6	51	1,797	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	35	1,153	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,157	5	55	1,441	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,871	3	50	399	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,268	8	52	1,084	3,002
Rabbit inventory	1,048	1	45	78	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	587	6	54	1,375	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	37,732	1	54	474	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,147	6	51	1,616	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,763	7	48	754	2,473
Oats-acres	772	1	34	775	2,332
All nursery-acres	284	3	50	771	2,619

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	691	613	13
\$10,000 or more	175	186	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,588	8,748	10
Average per farmdollars..	11,085	10,963	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	812	22	3591
Average per farmdollars..	939	28	3254
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	799	732	9
Partnership or corporation	63	64	-2
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	348	349	-0
Other	518	450	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	788	730	8
Female	78	69	13
Operators by race:			
White	863	799	8
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	56.2	54.8	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.