

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 19 percent from 59,184 acres in 1992 to 70,555 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 227 acres in 1992 to 234 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 106 farms in 1992 to 104 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

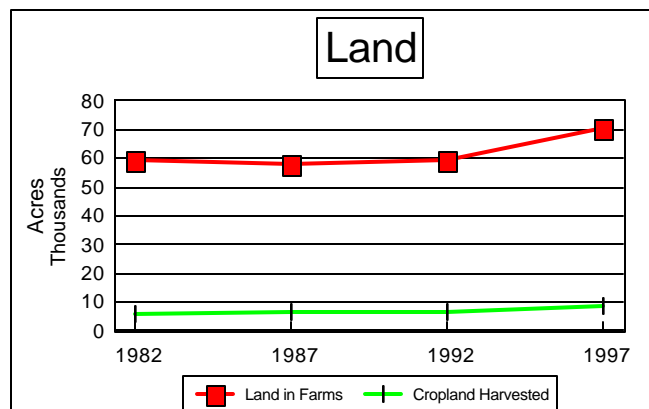
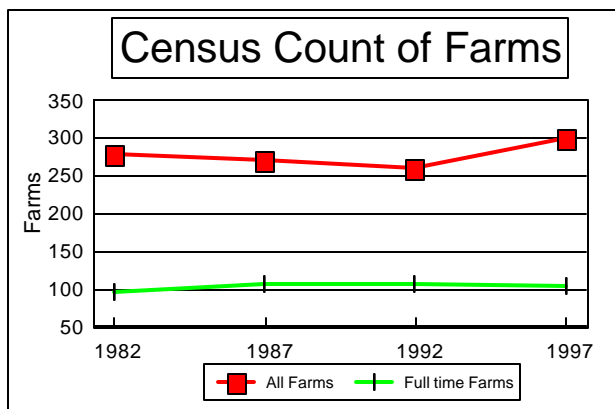
Decreased 37 percent to \$1,046,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 45 percent from \$6,345 in 1992 to \$3,465 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                   | 1,046    | 44    | 55        | 3,003 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 857      | 38    | 55        | 2,901 | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 189      | 43    | 54        | 2,987 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves   | 823      | 34    | 55        | 2,621 | 3,063     |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 160      | 30    | 54        | 2,480 | 3,043     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 28       | 44    | 52        | 2,414 | 2,790     |
| Horses and ponies   | 16       | 31    | 51        | 2,654 | 3,015     |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool                                      | 9        | 33    | 50        | 1,894 | 2,787     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 2,362    | 35    | 55        | 2,594 | 3,063     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 141      | 30    | 50        | 1,876 | 2,765     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | 99       | 15    | 35        | 1,433 | 2,203     |
| All goats sold  | 65       | 15    | 47        | 1,227 | 2,686     |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | (D)      | 12    | 19        | 1,624 | 1,882     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 4,320    | 33    | 55        | 2,638 | 3,064     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 538      | 23    | 52        | 1,630 | 3,002     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 271      | 26    | 54        | 2,316 | 3,066     |
| All goat inventory  | 181      | 14    | 52        | 1,246 | 2,983     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 171      | 36    | 50        | 1,933 | 2,864     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 8,392    | 25    | 54        | 1,866 | 3,061     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | (D)      | 39    | 48        | 2,222 | 2,473     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 20       | 44    | 51        | 2,551 | 2,691     |
| Land in orchards-acres                                      | 17       | 28    | 53        | 1,944 | 2,693     |
| All nursery-acres   | 8        | 44    | 50        | 2,166 | 2,619     |

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 .....                       | 282     | 235   | 20             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 20      | 26    | -23            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 1,385   | 1,595 | -13            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 4,571   | 6,109 | -25            |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |         |       |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | (338)   | 55    | -715           |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | (1,116) | 213   | -624           |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |         |       |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 282     | 241   | 17             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 18      | 19    | -5             |
| Other .....                                    | 2       | 1     | 100            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |         |       |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |         |       |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 104     | 106   | -2             |
| Other .....                                    | 198     | 155   | 28             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |         |       |                |
| Male .....                                     | 278     | 235   | 18             |
| Female .....                                   | 24      | 26    | -8             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |         |       |                |
| White .....                                    | 302     | 261   | 16             |
| Black and other races .....                    |         |       |                |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 57.4    | 55.3  | 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.