

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 21,008 acres in 1992 to 19,371 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 269 acres in 1992 to 225 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 48 farms in 1992 to 44 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

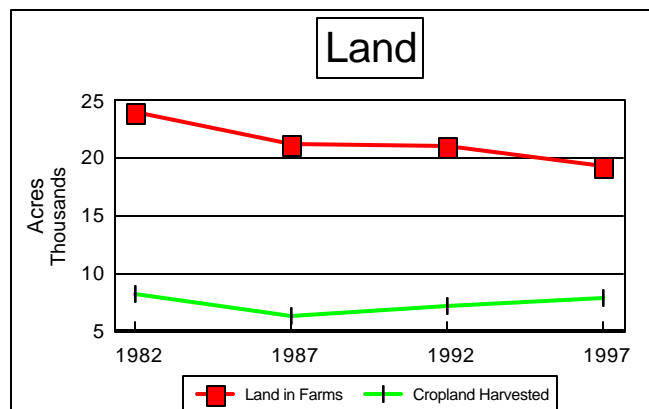
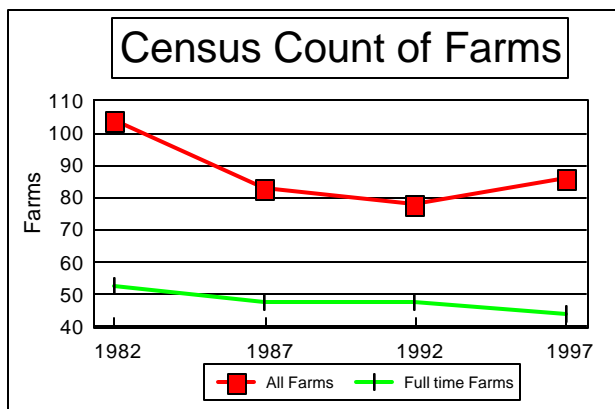
Decreased 23 percent to \$1,850,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 30 percent from \$30,685 in 1992 to \$21,513 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	1,850	70	72	2,954	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,366	68	72	2,823	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	484	69	72	2,877	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	978	67	70	1,427	2,563
Cattle and calves	360	68	72	2,833	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	358	29	69	667	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	90	69	72	2,704	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	63	69	2,147	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	981	67	72	2,819	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	68	71	2,129	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	66	70	2,913	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	10	66	69	2,737	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	59	60	1,538	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,883	67	72	2,848	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	69	71	2,150	2,864
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	98	43	67	1,156	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	89	69	71	2,676	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	80	69	71	2,902	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,730	67	72	2,065	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	577	66	71	1,362	2,473
Rye for grain-acres	(D)	7	63	187	1,207
Potatoes-acres	(D)	18	63	277	1,733
Maple trees tapped-acres	120	25	62	152	427

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 .....	53	42	26
\$10,000 or more .....	33	36	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,791	2,155	-17
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,821	27,626	-25
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	60	239	-75
Average per farm .....dollars..	692	3,058	-77
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	75	70	7
Partnership or corporation .....	11	8	38
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	44	48	-8
Other .....	42	30	40
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	78	68	15
Female .....	8	10	-20
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	86	78	10
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	55.4	54.1	2

(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.