

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 51,208 acres in 1992 to 46,503 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 259 acres in 1992 to 250 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 34 percent from 99 farms in 1992 to 65 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

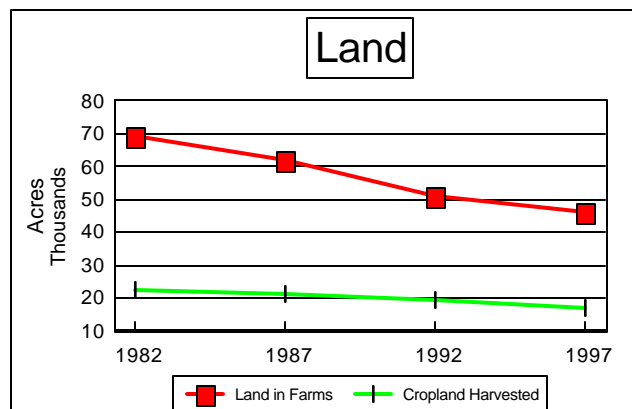
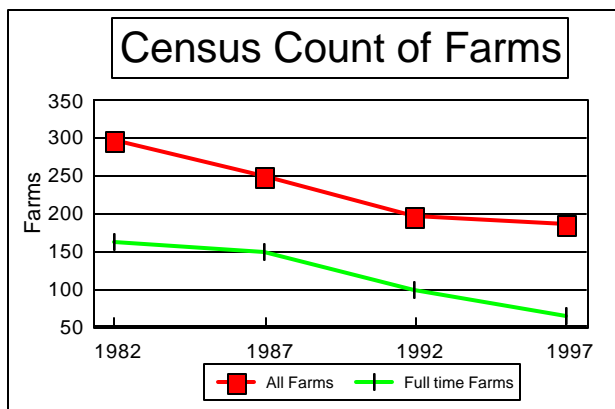
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$24,977 in 1992 to \$26,458 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	4,921	68	72	2,768	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,378	65	72	2,419	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	543	68	72	2,862	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	3,578	63	70	785	2,563
Cattle and calves	759	66	72	2,656	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	377	63	72	1,880	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	40	47	69	1,095	2,237
Oats	30	59	71	887	2,029
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,147	66	72	2,634	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	300	53	64	1,168	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	85	66	71	2,068	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	61	64	70	2,686	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	18	64	69	2,496	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,778	65	72	2,498	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	497	58	71	1,696	3,002
Broiler inventory	258	56	70	1,195	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	156	67	71	2,707	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	129	67	71	2,052	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,765	61	72	1,319	3,061
Field seeds-acres	934	2	27	159	1,212
Oats-acres	715	60	71	809	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	637	65	71	1,307	2,473
Barley-acres	598	38	69	466	1,411

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	128	122	5
\$10,000 or more	58	76	-24
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,324	2,772	56
Average per farmdollars..	23,370	13,998	67
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,027	(D)	
Average per farmdollars..	5,551	(D)	
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	173	177	-2
Partnership or corporation	12	19	-37
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	65	99	-34
Other	121	99	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	160	177	-10
Female	26	21	24
Operators by race:			
White	184	196	-6
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	50.7	51.9	-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.