

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 182,339 acres in 1992 to 169,543 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 231 acres in 1992 to 223 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 507 farms in 1992 to 403 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

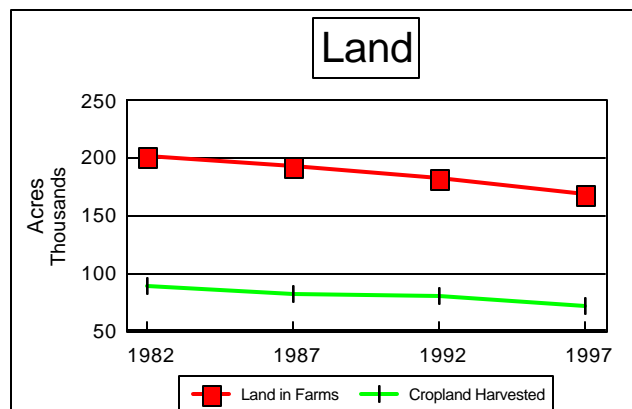
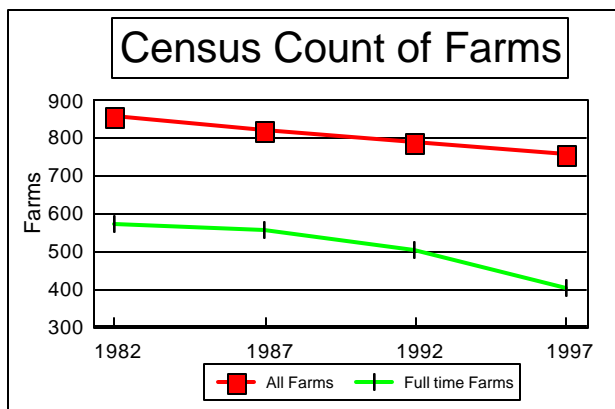
Decreased 5 percent to \$45,758,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$60,843 in 1992 to \$60,287 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	45,758	47	72	1,295	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	36,721	41	72	735	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,037	53	72	1,825	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	26,353	41	70	165	2,563
Cattle and calves	5,705	43	72	1,360	3,063
Corn for grain	5,194	41	67	796	2,582
Hogs and pigs	4,095	12	70	601	2,976
Soybeans	1,215	47	64	1,125	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	46,910	11	70	544	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,839	44	72	1,309	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	450	45	71	1,309	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	313	52	64	1,159	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	49	61	1,489	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	35,817	41	72	935	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	24,988	10	71	515	3,005
Broiler inventory	1,280	19	70	750	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	694	41	71	1,194	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	616	40	71	1,303	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	34,328	44	72	551	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	28,506	41	69	690	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	5,976	44	71	244	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,140	47	64	1,202	2,144
Oats-acres	2,165	48	71	328	2,332

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	343	281	22
\$10,000 or more	416	508	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,921	37,032	-3
Average per farmdollars..	47,327	46,935	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,168	10,513	-13
Average per farmdollars..	12,080	13,324	-9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	654	668	-2
Partnership or corporation	100	116	-14
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	403	507	-21
Other	356	282	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	710	749	-5
Female	49	40	23
Operators by race:			
White	759	788	-4
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	53.5	51.7	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.