

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 272,876 acres in 1992 to 267,586 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 225 acres in 1992 to 212 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 751 farms in 1992 to 663 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

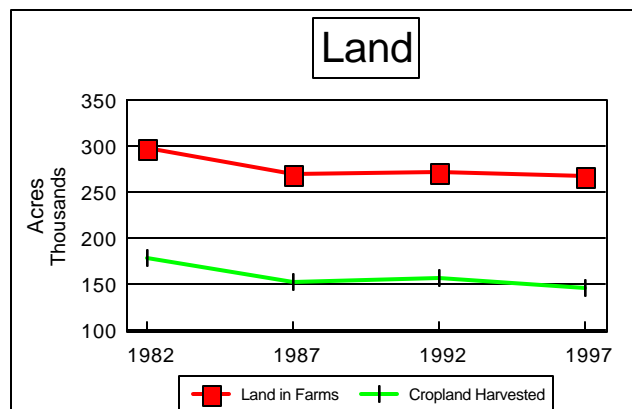
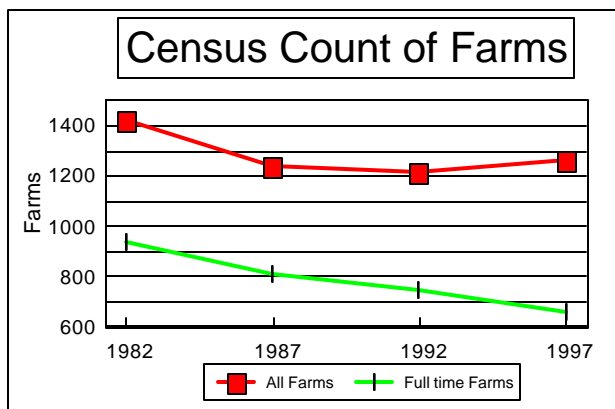
Increased 5 percent to \$76,374,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased slightly from \$59,986 in 1992 to \$60,375 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	76,374	34	72	753	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	53,333	32	72	471	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	23,041	26	72	1,149	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	37,674	31	70	112	2,563
Corn for grain	14,986	12	67	438	2,582
Cattle and calves	13,374	18	72	682	3,063
Soybeans	3,684	23	64	814	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,042	24	72	385	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	25,714	24	72	758	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	15,196	22	70	899	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	25	62	375	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	2,607	5	71	376	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,115	30	64	917	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	57,518	25	72	491	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,957	17	71	812	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,567	6	71	430	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,202	12	71	564	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,033	42	71	1,189	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	64,382	14	69	401	2,691
Hay crops-acres	54,958	30	72	218	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,116	22	64	878	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	9,470	35	71	133	2,473
Oats-acres	7,963	13	71	55	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	568	432	31
\$10,000 or more	697	782	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	59,876	59,025	1
Average per farmdollars..	47,333	48,580	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,895	13,301	12
Average per farmdollars..	11,775	10,948	8
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,087	1,044	4
Partnership or corporation	157	165	-5
Other	21	5	320
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	663	751	-12
Other	602	463	30
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,168	1,160	1
Female	97	54	80
Operators by race:			
White	1,261	1,213	4
Black and other races	4	1	300
Average age of operator	52.4	50.4	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.