

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 168,304 acres in 1992 to 159,104 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 261 acres in 1992 to 275 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 485 farms in 1992 to 398 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

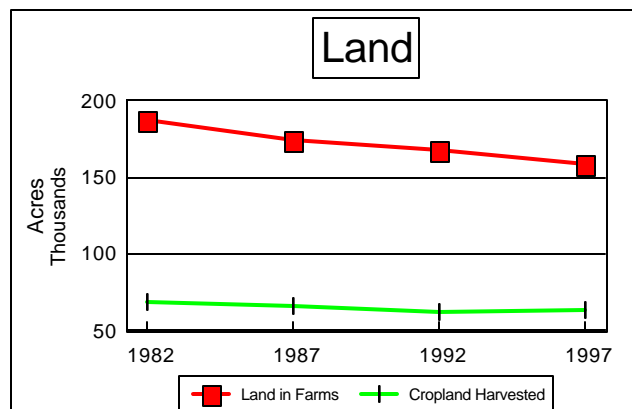
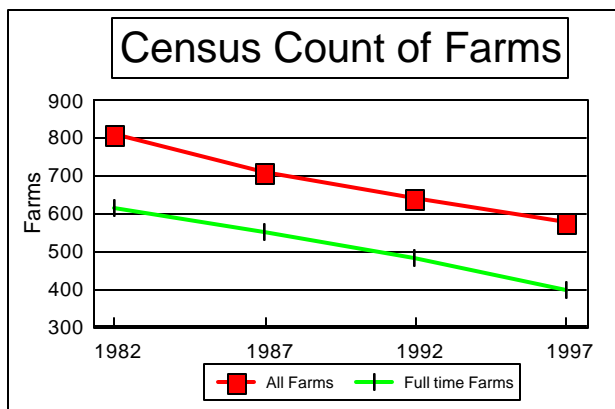
Decreased 4 percent to \$32,479,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$52,295 in 1992 to \$56,192 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 | 32,479 | 54 | 72 | 1,645 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 30,246 | 46 | 72 | 872 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 2,233 | 65 | 72 | 2,472 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Dairy products | 23,812 | 43 | 70 | 180 | 2,563 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,479 | 49 | 72 | 1,754 | 3,063 |
| Mink or their pelts | (D) | 3 | 38 | 7 | 191 |
| Corn for grain | 824 | 58 | 67 | 1,397 | 2,582 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 738 | 53 | 72 | 1,241 | 3,043 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Mink and their pelts sold | (D) | 5 | 38 | 18 | 191 |
| Turkeys sold | (D) | 12 | 56 | 337 | 1,353 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 11,188 | 46 | 72 | 1,511 | 3,063 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | (D) | 13 | 60 | 267 | 1,593 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 666 | 59 | 70 | 1,948 | 2,976 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 30,952 | 45 | 72 | 1,094 | 3,064 |
| Mink inventory | (D) | 8 | 39 | 22 | 239 |
| All turkeys inventory | (D) | 11 | 71 | 316 | 2,361 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 846 | 35 | 71 | 1,068 | 2,864 |
| Broiler inventory | 735 | 34 | 70 | 847 | 2,620 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 47,085 | 36 | 72 | 311 | 3,061 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 10,579 | 57 | 69 | 1,066 | 2,691 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 7,752 | 41 | 71 | 174 | 2,473 |
| Oats-acres | 2,536 | 44 | 71 | 266 | 2,332 |
| Barley-acres | 536 | 39 | 69 | 476 | 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 | 236 | 221 | 7 |
| \$10,000 or more | 342 | 423 | -19 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 23,829 | 25,263 | -6 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 41,370 | 39,229 | 5 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 6,960 | 8,262 | -16 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 12,084 | 12,830 | -6 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 509 | 588 | -13 |
| Partnership or corporation | 67 | 54 | 24 |
| Other | 2 | 2 | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 398 | 485 | -18 |
| Other | 180 | 159 | 13 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 544 | 601 | -9 |
| Female | 34 | 43 | -21 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 578 | 643 | -10 |
| Black and other races | - | 1 | -100 |
| Average age of operator | 52.1 | 50.8 | 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.