

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 365,511 acres in 1992 to 344,172 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 177 acres in 1992 to 182 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 1,363 farms in 1992 to 1,119 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

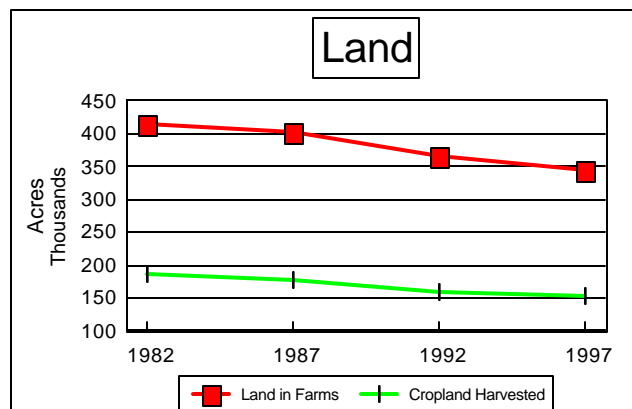
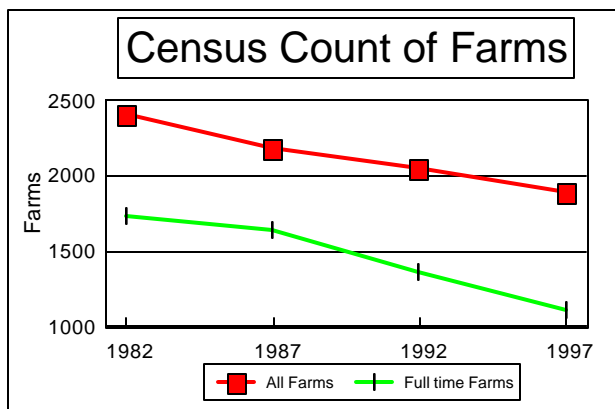
Decreased 11 percent to \$86,491,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 3 percent from \$46,960 in 1992 to \$45,690 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	86,491	29	72	638	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	72,568	21	72	322	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,923	45	72	1,531	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	54,408	19	70	61	2,563
Cattle and calves	15,365	16	72	577	3,063
Corn for grain	5,868	34	67	748	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,396	2	72	199	3,043
Soybeans	1,799	39	64	1,013	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	36,286	14	72	484	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	11	38	41	191
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	61	815	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	13,325	24	70	941	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	9,806	11	64	709	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	80,236	16	72	242	3,064
Mink inventory	(D)	5	39	14	239
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	13,429	15	71	778	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,369	24	71	953	3,005
Broiler inventory	3,489	10	70	667	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	97,364	7	72	45	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	40,329	27	69	579	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	15,213	15	71	58	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,137	40	64	1,105	2,144
Oats-acres	5,396	22	71	115	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	781	716	9
\$10,000 or more	1,112	1,345	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	66,910	67,874	-1
Average per farmdollars..	35,327	32,933	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,460	28,398	-46
Average per farmdollars..	8,162	13,779	-41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,708	1,824	-6
Partnership or corporation	175	233	-25
Other	10	4	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,119	1,363	-18
Other	774	698	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,767	1,938	-9
Female	126	123	2
Operators by race:			
White	1,886	2,057	-8
Black and other races	7	4	75
Average age of operator	52.1	50.7	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.