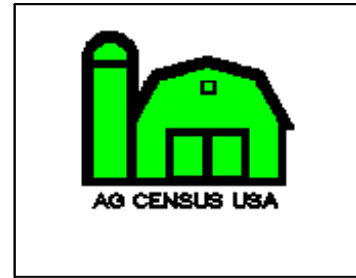


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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 589,189 acres in 1992 to 579,545 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 224 acres in 1992 to 236 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 1,578 farms in 1992 to 1,497 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

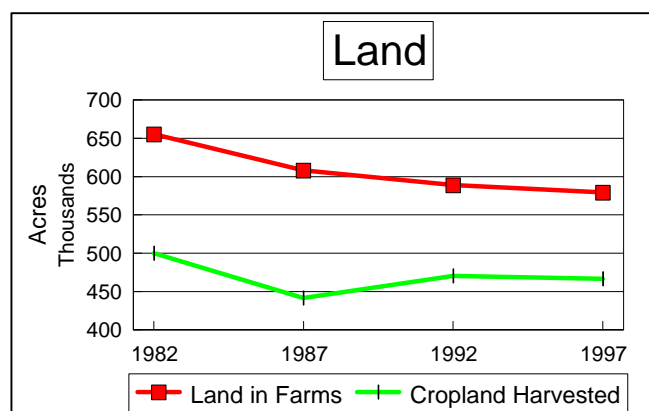
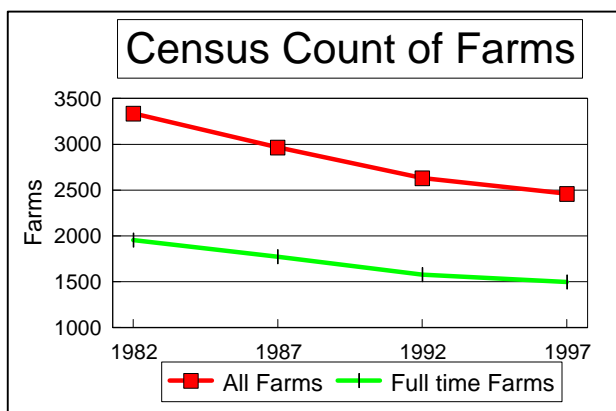
Increased 23 percent to \$690,794,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$212,596 in 1992 to \$280,811 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	690,794	40	50
Value of livestock and poultry	515,949	39	50
Value of crops including nursery	174,845	43	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	478,938	16	50
Soybeans	44,801	27	40
Corn for grain	41,018	31	48
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	38,591	25	50
Dairy products	19,260	47	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	223,298,115	10	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	50
Hogs and pigs sold	60,245	35	50
Cattle and calves sold	18,179	47	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	45	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	37,745,038	9	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	389,013	41	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	162,077	35	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	39	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	33,355	35	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Soybeans for beans-acres	222,785	27	42
Corn for grain-acres	157,011	29	48
Wheat-acres	75,265	37	46
Land used for vegetables-acres	41,481	18	50
Barley-acres	32,311	17	45

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	743	857	-13
\$10,000 or more	1,717	1,776	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	620,297	448,199	38
Average per farmdollars..	252,358	170,613	48
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	68,563	108,998	-37
Average per farmdollars..	27,894	41,491	-33
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,995	2,226	-10
Partnership or corporation	443	394	12
Other	22	13	69
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,497	1,578	-5
Other	963	1,055	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,178	2,346	-7
Female	282	287	-2
Operators by race:			
White	2,419	2,587	-6
Black and other races	41	46	-11
Average age of operator	54.0	52.7	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.