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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,350	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,482	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	160,437	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	76	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	597	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	697	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	778	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.6	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	997	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	284	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	69	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,209	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,415	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$19,434	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$29,640	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$21,956	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$14,396	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,912	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,097	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,186	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	159,149	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	86	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	438	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	501	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	674	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.5	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	815	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	228	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	54	6,211

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Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,107	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,688	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$30,356	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$35,124	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$32,019	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$27,647	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,414	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	691	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	767	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	83,948	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	83	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	186	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	233	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	516	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	16.2	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	533	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	129	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	29	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	921	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$619	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$8,401	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$11,397	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$16,494	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,175	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$5,285	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	482	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	464	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	118,597	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	98	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	188	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	218	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	299	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.2	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	315	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	134	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	33	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	769	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,491	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$23,778	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$34,703	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$71,998	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$49,332	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$18,560	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	2,000	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	2,201	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	249,683	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	75	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	901	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	1,095	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	1,154	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.7	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	1,479	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	401	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	120	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	3,853	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$3,840	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$41,360	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$59,789	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$29,894	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$20,670	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$8,723	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	799	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	864	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	128,696	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	100	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	405	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	470	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	424	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.0	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	584	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	140	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	75	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,263	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,302	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$12,754	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$22,751	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$28,475	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$15,922	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,645	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	54	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	61	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	3,684	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	51	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	10	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	15	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	35	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.6	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	39	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	13	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	2	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	43	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$5	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$151	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$127	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$2,352	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$2,790	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	-\$438	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	691	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	<i>798</i>	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	79,855	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	50	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	240	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	261	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	437	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.7	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	532	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	113	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	46	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,024	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,966	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$11,339	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$15,856	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$22,946	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$16,410	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$6,503	\$11,909

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	910	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,026	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	196,537	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	109	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	480	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	558	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	489	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.6	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	628	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	169	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	113	6,211

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Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,768	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$9,529	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$49,152	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$89,869	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$98,757	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$54,073	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$42,722	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	207	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	212	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	26,094	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	74	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	47	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	61	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	144	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	16.4	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	139	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	53	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	15	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	217	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$101	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,922	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$2,271	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$10,969	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$9,286	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$1,330	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>	<u></u>	
Total Number of Farms (1997)	673	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	742	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	94,905	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	66	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	271	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	319	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	410	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.7	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	530	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	96	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	47	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,291	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,172	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$17,622	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$27,040	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$40,178	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$26,223	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$12,447	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	656	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	703	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	91,714	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	100	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	291	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	376	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	408	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.5	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	464	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	130	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	62	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,337	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,349	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$9,122	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$17,639	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$26,888	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$13,906	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$10,903	\$11,909

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	County	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	193	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	276	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	46,646	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	100	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	56	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	109	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	101	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	21.6	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	135	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	41	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	17	6,211

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Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	154	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$49	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$893	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,419	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$7,351	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$4,651	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$2,914	\$11,909

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	County	State
<u>Farms</u>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,379	82,273
Total Number of Farms (1992)	1,473	90,281
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	267,918	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	107	84
Farm Operators		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	563	33,841
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)	672	40,175
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	817	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.1	18.9
Tenure of OperatorFull Owner (1997)	1,025	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	277	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	77	6,211

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	County	State
Farm Workers		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,835	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$1,681	\$209,578
Farm Production		
Total Production Expenses (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$22,596	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold (in \$1,000s) (1997)	\$31,955	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm in dollars) (1997)	\$23,172	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$16,374	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i>) (1997)	\$7,063	\$11,909

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