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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	733	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>849</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	97,967	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	80	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	228	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>256</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	473	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.0	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	543	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	137	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	53	6,211

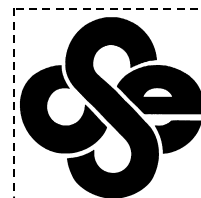
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,225	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$306	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$4,704	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$8,303	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$11,327	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$6,417	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$4,199	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	449	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>515</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	65,046	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	90	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	138	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>174</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	295	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.8	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	316	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	91	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	42	6,211

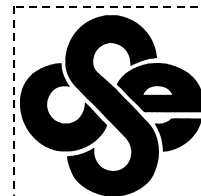
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,057	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$812	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$8,057	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$12,088	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$26,923	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$17,904	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$9,138	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,637	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	222,972	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	66	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	642	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>747</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	976	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.3	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	1,220	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	328	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	89	6,211

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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,261	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$2,441	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$30,187	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$38,948	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$23,792	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$18,440	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$4,428	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	27	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	2,326	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	50	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	4	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	20	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	12.7	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	22	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	3	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	2	6,211

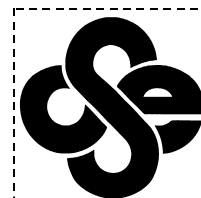
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Number of Hired Workers (1997)	26	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$10	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$136	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$184	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$6,817	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$5,038	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$1,779	\$11,909

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Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,079	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	169,381	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	97	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	497	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>573</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	631	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.7	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	788	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	187	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	104	6,211

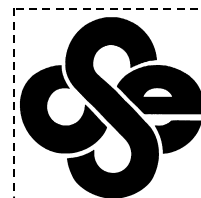
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Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,569	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$1,991	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$17,859	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$28,984	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$26,862	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$16,567	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$10,871	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	1,352	82,273
<i><b>Total Number of Farms (1992)</b></i>	<i><b>1,582</b></i>	<i><b>90,281</b></i>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	186,446	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	90	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	650	33,841
<i><b>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</b></i>	<i><b>854</b></i>	<i><b>40,175</b></i>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	775	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.4	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	1,023	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	254	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	75	6,211

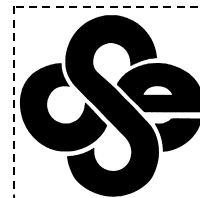
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,030	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$2,147	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$21,105	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$35,089	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$25,953	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$15,611	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$9,465	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	526	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>598</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	196,277	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	82	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	237	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>290</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	321	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.4	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	316	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	142	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	68	6,211

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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	798	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$3,067	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$35,303	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$50,142	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$95,326	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$67,116	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$24,521	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	955	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	149,179	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	100	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	444	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>575</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	580	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.6	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	653	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	197	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	105	6,211

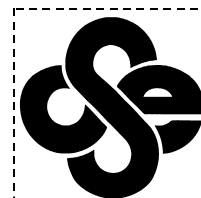
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,880	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$2,872	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$21,418	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$36,835	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$38,571	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$22,428	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$15,704	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	294	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>255</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	114,598	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	112	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	132	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>137</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	155	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.0	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	185	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	97	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	12	6,211

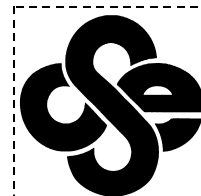
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	286	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$1,249	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$31,890	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$43,958	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$149,518	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$108,471	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$33,558	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	538	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>617</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	141,248	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	104	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	208	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>248</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	304	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	20.6	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	358	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	142	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	38	6,211

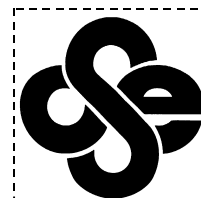
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	622	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$1,333	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$20,063	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$27,411	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$50,950	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$37,291	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$13,379	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	689	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>789</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	73,677	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	62	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	253	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>311</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	440	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	18.4	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	486	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	154	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	49	6,211

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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	1,353	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$712	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$6,008	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$9,326	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$13,536	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$8,732	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$3,909	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	475	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>564</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	34,028	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	33	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	182	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>205</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	275	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	19.2	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	349	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	83	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	43	6,211

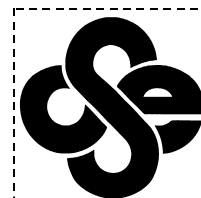
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	659	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$1,896	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$8,974	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$12,295	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$25,885	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$18,893	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$6,744	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	754	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>842</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	88,508	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	58	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	310	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>372</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	455	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.7	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	529	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	134	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	91	6,211

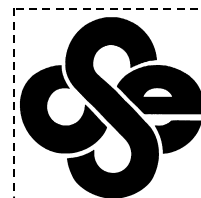
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	2,378	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$5,201	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$26,837	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$66,452	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$88,133	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$35,641	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$52,308	\$11,909

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
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<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>220</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	20,389	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	75	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	47	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>63</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	124	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	17.5	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	124	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	42	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	16	6,211

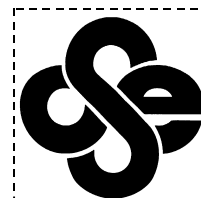
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<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	208	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$104	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$933	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$1,259	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$6,918	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$5,153	\$24,714
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With approximately 90,000 farms in 1998, Kentucky ranks fifth in the nation for total number of farms representing the diversity of agriculture in America. Here, farming ranges from the large scale irrigated cash grains operations of the western region to the horse farms and general farm enterprises of central Kentucky to the small-scale farming of the eastern counties.

While average farm size in Kentucky is substantially smaller than the national average (154 vs 435 acres), Kentucky ranks in the top 20 for production of several crops and livestock inventory categories. With nearly half of Kentucky's population residing in rural areas, farming is an integral component of many local economies, including Kentucky's metropolitan areas which also boast substantial income directly from farming and food-related enterprises such as food processing and wholesale/retail sales.

	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total Number of Farms (1997)	442	82,273
<i>Total Number of Farms (1992)</i>	<b>507</b>	<b>90,281</b>
Land in Farms (in acres) (1997)	37,788	13,334,234
Median Size of Farm (in acres) (1997)	54	84
<b><u>Farm Operators</u></b>		
Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1997)	138	33,841
<i>Farm Operators for whom Principal Occupation is Farming (1992)</i>	<b>144</b>	<b>40,175</b>
Number of Operators working any days off farm (1997)	292	48,491
Average Years on Farm (1997)	21.7	18.9
Tenure of Operator--Full Owner (1997)	336	58,840
Tenure of Operator- Part Owner (1997)	74	17,222
Tenure of Operator - Tenant (1997)	32	6,211

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farm Workers</u></b>		
Number of Hired Workers (1997)	513	153,602
Hired Worker Payroll ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$160	\$209,578
<b><u>Farm Production</u></b>		
Total Production Expenses ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$3,512	\$2,033,070
Market Value of Products Sold ( <i>in \$1,000s</i> ) (1997)	\$5,094	\$3,064,460
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$11,524	\$37,247
Total Farm Production Expenses (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$7,946	\$24,714
Net Cash Return from Agricultural Sales for Farm Unit (Average per farm <i>in dollars</i> ) (1997)	\$2,778	\$11,909

These data are from the 1997 Agriculture Census.

More data are available from the National Agricultural Statistics Service website at  
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/census>

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