

Agricultural Data for Decision Makers



Greene County

Number of Farms

There were 763 farms counted in Greene County in 1997. From 1992 to 1997, the number of farms in Greene County decreased by 10 percent. Over the 28 years from 1969 to 1997, farm numbers in this county declined by 40 percent, faster than the state's decline of 35 percent.

1. Number of farms.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Greene County</u>	<u>State</u>
1997	763	90,792
1992	851	96,534
1987	948	105,180
1982	1,054	115,413
1978	1,132	121,339
1974	1,156	126,104
1969	1,265	140,354

Average Farm Size

Farms in Greene County averaged 450 acres in 1997, 107 acres more than the state's average.

2. Average farm size (acres).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Greene County</u>	<u>State</u>
1997	450	343
1992	431	325
1987	373	301
1982	341	283
1978	326	274
1974	308	262
1969	272	239

Farm Land Use

Greene County had 343,346 total acres in farmland in 1997, 7 percent less than in 1992.

3. Land in farms (acres), Greene County.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Crop-land</u>	<u>Wood-land</u>	<u>Other*</u>
1997	343,346	316,526	6,537	20,283
1992	366,927	336,979	7,809	22,139
1987	353,283	320,413	7,756	25,114
1982	359,023	320,091	10,083	28,849

* Includes land in house lots, ponds, etc., and non-crop and non-woodland pasture.

Of the acres harvested in Greene County in 1997, 99 percent were either corn or soybean acres. This was higher than the 93 percent statewide average.

4. Corn and soybean acres as percentages of total acres harvested.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Greene County</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Soy-beans</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Soy-beans</u>
1997	50	49	50	43
1992	51	48	55	36
1987	44	54	50	39
1982	50	46	53	33
1978	52	43	54	32

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Livestock Profile

Hogs and Pigs

The number of farms selling hogs and pigs in Greene County decreased 36 percent from 1992 to 1997. Over that same period the number of hogs and pigs sold in the county increased by 34 percent. Statewide, the number of farms with hog and pig sales decreased 46 percent while the number of hogs and pigs sold increased 2 percent.

5. Farms selling hogs and pigs and number of hogs and pigs sold, Greene County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	131	219,445
1992	204	163,277
1987	207	161,714
1982	317	158,153
1978	412	197,181
1974	435	156,745
1969	658	148,190

Fattened Cattle

The number of farms in Greene County selling fattened cattle decreased 28 percent from 1992 to 1997, while the number of fattened cattle sold increased 4 percent. Statewide, farms selling decreased by 22 percent and cattle sales dropped by 16 percent over those five years.

6. Farms selling fattened cattle and number of fattened cattle sold, Greene County.

Year	Farms selling	Number sold
1997	78	11,416
1992	108	10,925
1987	128	15,205
1982	213	27,939
1978	266	37,488

(Note: Fattened cattle are defined as cattle fattened on grain or concentrates for 30 days or more and sold for slaughter.)

* Data suppressed to assure confidentiality.

Dairy Cows

The number of farms in Greene County with dairy cows increased 200 percent from 1992 to 1997 and the number of dairy cows reported was too small to report.* Statewide, the number of farms with dairy cows decreased 28 percent and the number of dairy cows dropped 14 percent.

7. Farms with dairy cows and number of dairy cows reported, Greene County.

Year	Farms with Cows	Number of Cows
1997	6	8
1992	2	
1987	3	
1982	12	87

Poultry

A small number of farms in Greene County sold chickens in 1997. No farms reported turkey sales.

8. Farms selling poultry and number of poultry sold, Greene County.

Year	Layers		Broilers		Turkeys	
	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold	Farms	No. sold
1997	0	0	8	1,168	0	0
1992	5	*	4	*	0	0
1987	3	*	13	14,115	3	*
1982	14	14,486	8	3,087	3	*

Sheep and Lambs

The number of farms in Greene County selling sheep and lambs decreased by 46 percent and there were 70 percent fewer head sold in 1997 than in 1992. Statewide, the number of farms with sheep and lamb sales decreased 36 percent and the number of head sold dropped 46 percent.

9. Farms selling sheep and lambs and number of sheep and lambs sold, Greene County.

Year	Farms Selling	Number Sold
1997	31	984
1992	57	3,304
1987	103	5,920
1982	135	9,104

Farm Operator Profile

Age

10. Percentages of farm operators by age group.

Year	Greene County						State					
	34 or under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or over	Average age	34 or under	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 or over	Average age
1997	10.0	21.6	23.6	21.0	23.9	52.8	9.9	23.0	23.7	21.1	22.3	52.4
1992	14.7	25.1	18.0	22.1	20.1	50.6	15.9	23.0	20.5	21.6	19.0	50.3
1987	19.7	19.5	18.0	27.2	15.5	49.7	19.3	20.2	20.7	24.0	15.7	49.3
1982	22.5	14.9	21.5	27.5	13.6	49.0	22.5	19.5	22.6	23.9	11.5	47.6
1978	20.4	17.0	23.4	26.5	12.7	48.8	21.1	19.7	25.0	23.9	10.4	47.5

Farm operators in Greene County in 1997 included 10.0 percent under the age of 35 and 23.9 percent 65 years of age or older. The average age of farm operators in Greene County was 52.8 in 1997, which was older than the statewide average.

Principal Occupation

Of the farm operators in Greene County in 1997, 68.3 percent claimed farming as their principal occupation, higher than the 62.9 percent state average.

11. Percentages of farm operators claiming farming as their principal occupation.

Year	Greene County	State
1997	68.3	62.9
1992	72.3	71.7
1987	73.5	73.5
1982	76.7	80.1
1978	79.3	80.8

Days Worked Off Farm

The percentage of farm operators working 200 or more days off the farm in 1997 was smaller in Greene County than in the state overall.

12. Percentages of farm operators working 200 or more days off the farm.

Year	Greene County	State
1997	25.4	33.3
1992	23.1	28.3
1987	21.1	26.5
1982	21.9	24.2
1978	17.4	22.2

Tenure and Type of Organization

Full-owner farms are operations where the operator owns all the land he or she operates. Part-owners are those who rent some of the land they operate. Tenants rent all of the land they operate. Compared to the state, Greene County had a lower percentage of farms operated by full-owners.

13. Percentages of farms by tenure.

Year	Greene County			State		
	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant	Full-Owner	Part-Owner	Tenant
1997	34.3	40.1	25.6	47.3	36.3	16.4
1992	34.3	42.0	23.7	45.1	36.0	18.9
1987	33.8	38.3	28.0	45.9	33.5	20.7
1982	35.8	38.5	25.7	45.9	33.3	20.8
1978	37.1	37.1	29.9	45.9	32.2	21.9

Individual/family operated farms are the most common type of farm organization throughout the state. The percentage of individual/family operated farms in Greene County was lower than the state average in 1997, while the percentage of partnerships was higher.

14. Percentages of farms by type of organization.

Year	Greene County			State		
	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other	Individual/Family	Part-ner	Other
1997	78.5	10.1	11.4	83.6	9.1	7.4
1992	79.8	11.3	8.9	84.0	10.4	5.6
1987	81.3	10.8	7.9	84.8	10.5	4.7
1982	82.8	10.1	7.9	84.6	11.4	4.0
1978	86.0	10.0	4.1	85.6	11.8	2.6

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Financial Profile

The sale of corn generated the greatest amount of agricultural revenue in Greene County in 1997, followed by soybeans.

15. Market value (\$1,000) of agricultural products sold, Greene County.

Year	Total sales	Hogs and pigs	Cattle and calves	Dairy products	Corn	Soybeans	Other
1997	122,235	22,209	12,663	*	45,835	40,742	786
1992	104,736	16,035	12,631	*	41,485	33,349	1,236
1987	89,981	17,974	12,391	0	28,551	29,670	1,395

In Greene County, sale of cattle and calves constituted a smaller percentage of total sales than in the state overall; hogs and pigs made up a smaller percentage of total sales. The sale of corn, soybeans, and hogs and pigs accounted for 89 percent of the dollars from total sales of agricultural products in Greene County in 1997.

16. Percent of total market value by sales of selected agricultural products.

Year	Greene County						State					
	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other	Hogs, pigs	Cattle, calves	Dairy	Corn	Soy-beans	Other
1997	18.2	10.4	*	37.5	33.3	0.6	25.4	15.5	3.4	27.0	23.1	5.6
1992	15.3	12.1	*	39.6	31.8	1.2	24.8	22.1	4.2	26.6	17.6	4.7
1987	20.0	13.8	0.0	31.7	33.0	1.6	27.9	23.8	4.4	22.0	17.6	4.3

* Data suppressed to assure confidentiality. Amounts for this category included in 'Other' totals.

Farms in Greene County averaged a net cash return of \$48,513 in 1997, \$15,808 more than the state average. Of the farms in Greene County, 85 percent experienced a net cash gain that year, compared with 66 percent statewide.

17. Average net cash return per farm.

Year	Greene County			State		
	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss	Net Cash Return	Net Gain	Net Loss
1997	\$48,513	\$59,098	\$10,526	\$32,705	\$54,248	\$9,348
1992	41,794	57,452	9,173	22,718	37,419	9,381
1987	31,539	40,433	6,462	20,412	31,660	7,521

(Note: Net cash return is derived by subtracting total operating expenditures from the gross market value of agricultural products sold. Net cash return is that of the farm unit rather than the net farm income of the operator since sales and expenses of the partners, landlords, and contractors are included.)