

Comparison of agricultural industries in three Missouri counties, 1987-2002.

	Carroll County				Pettis County				Vernon County			
	1987	1992	1997	2002	1987	1992	1997	2002	1987	1992	1997	2002
Number of farms	1,013	919	952	1,081	1,323	1,225	1,249	1,278	1,251	1,249	1,265	1,399
Acres of land in farms	404,480	377,000	395,657	417,080	372,422	359,434	366,132	402,390	396,638	402,202	388,549	426,450
Average size of farm in acres	399	410	416	386	281	293	293	315	317	322	307	305
Total acres of harvested cropland	237,149	228,553	241,641	246,396	173,820	182,868	184,121	207,902	166,752	177,555	176,589	196,422
Market value of agricultural products sold (\$1,000)	52,637	62,039	58,965	61,824	52,789	56,042	104,015	101,875	33,310	41,392	87,731	80,323
Market value of crops sold (\$1,000)	33,871	39,243	44,512	47,082	19,029	24,666	29,268	24,350	16,304	20,228	27,607	22,385
Market value of livestock sold (\$1,000)	18,766	22,795	14,453	14,742	33,760	31,376	74,746	77,525	17,006	21,164	60,124	57,938
Percent of operators with principal occupation farming (1)	66	64	56	58	52	52	50	61	54	52	47	56
Percent of operators working 200 or more days off farm	25	29	33	37	38	37	39	40	36	36	41	46
Livestock (numbers)												
Cattle and calves sold	19,526	19,030	18,151	22,694	31,211	30,059	31,176	33,616	27,504	29,557	27,718	30,050
Hogs and pigs sold	90,892	123,009	60,596	51,648	134,311	126,399	163,085	169,634	33,716	77,414	1,003,187	1,212,491
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	0	(D)	(D)	0	(D)	15,897,357	19,256,520	0	(D)	(D)	1,097
Crops												
Corn for grain or seed (bushels)	6,226,712	7,693,352	6,478,651	9,508,574	2,742,149	3,878,278	3,247,695	4,209,461	1,506,339	2,323,022	2,560,549	3,098,914
Wheat for grain (bushels)	395,591	1,814,232	1,561,622	446,863	276,614	1,369,864	1,221,463	903,124	238,021	1,599,069	1,133,616	896,070
Soybeans for beans (bushels)	4,691,483	4,138,565	4,033,032	4,862,286	2,558,477	2,381,858	2,525,963	2,244,053	1,886,722	1,588,709	2,158,997	1,365,267
County general revenue from local taxes (2)	—	(NA)	635,000	1,058,000	—	1,834,000	3,054,000	2,935,000	—	658,000	907,000	1,183,000
Local sales tax collection (3)	—	788,000	896,000	1,093,000	—	5,186,000	7,144,000	8,374,000	—	1,987,000	2,517,000	2,837,000

Data source: Census of Agriculture except were noted.

Notes:

(1) The principal occupation of the operator(s) is the occupation at which an operator spent the majority of his/her time.

(2) Census of Governments.

(3) Sales tax receipts per 1 percent – Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center, University of Missouri-Columbia.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.