

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## FAIRBANKS AREA ALASKA

### Land in farms

Decreased 16 percent from 141,338 acres in 1992 to 118,836 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 21 percent from 841 acres in 1992 to 664 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 90 farms in 1992 to 93 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

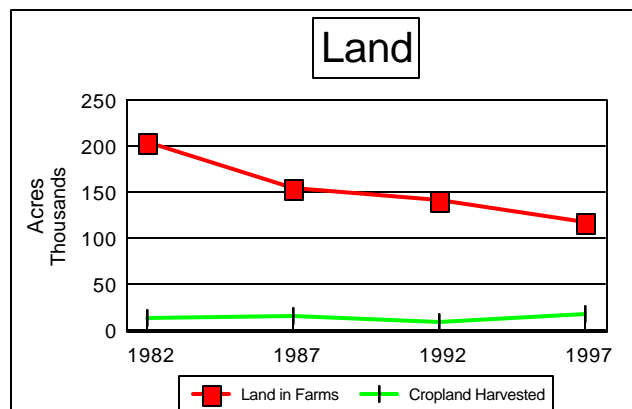
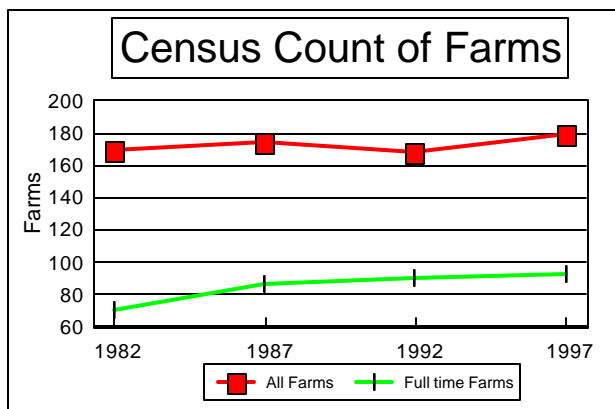
Increased 47 percent to \$5,822,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$23,622 in 1992 to \$32,523 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,822	2	5	2,720	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,233	2	5	2,207	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,589	2	5	2,793	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,873	2	5	720	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,015	2	5	914	3,043
Dairy products	781	2	2	1,534	2,563
Barley	580	1	3	172	1,167
Cattle and calves	472	2	4	2,772	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	2,056	1	5	1,542	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	3	865	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	689	2	4	2,894	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	445	1	4	971	2,200
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	2	514	1,353
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,533	3	5	2,892	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,502	1	5	1,446	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	531	2	5	1,635	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	403	3	5	1,867	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	265	3	5	1,737	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,727	1	5	1,649	3,061
Barley-acres	6,826	1	4	165	1,411
Oats-acres	1,317	1	2	519	2,332
Potatoes-acres	282	2	5	283	1,733
Other crops-acres	(D)	1	2	73	759

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	106	117	-9
\$10,000 or more .....	73	51	43
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,918	4,354	36
Average per farm .....dollars..	33,063	25,916	28
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(97)	(386)	75
Average per farm .....dollars..	(540)	(2,295)	76
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	150	143	5
Partnership or corporation .....	28	23	22
Other .....	1	2	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	93	90	3
Other .....	86	78	10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	163	150	9
Female .....	16	18	-11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	174	165	5
Black and other races .....	5	3	67
Average age of operator .....	54.9	52.4	5

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

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.