

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arizona Agricultural Statistics Service



MARICOPA ARIZONA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 729,947 acres in 1992 to 708,656 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 393 acres in 1992 to 431 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 920 farms in 1992 to 776 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

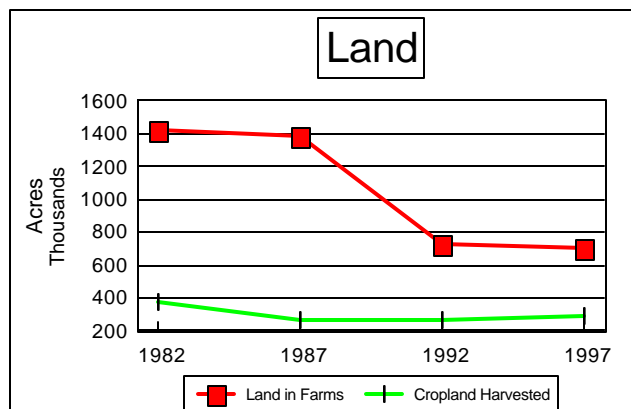
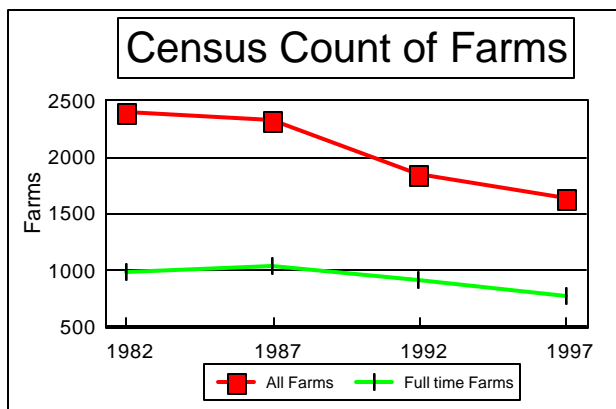
Increased 32 percent to \$664,057,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 49 percent from \$272,041 in 1992 to \$404,174 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	664,057	1	15	21	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	382,451	2	15	19	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	281,606	1	15	35	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	239,948	1	10	7	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	108,072	1	9	4	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	81,551	1	14	21	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	78,820	2	14	19	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	55,059	1	15	10	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	10	368	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	115,655	3	15	84	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	13	239	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	9,985	2	14	1,021	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	3,524	5	15	314	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	1	15	247	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	170,174	2	15	46	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	14	153	2,549
Colony of bees inventory	15,361	1	14	22	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,178	6	15	200	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	112,706	2	9	20	713
Hay crops-acres	75,059	1	15	99	3,061
Wheat-acres	28,767	2	12	442	2,612
Barley-acres	25,487	2	10	62	1,411
Land used for vegetables-acres	20,521	2	14	31	2,741

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	906	995	-9
\$10,000 or more	737	861	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	513,673	407,403	26
Average per farmdollars..	312,834	219,624	42
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	152,835	88,594	73
Average per farmdollars..	93,079	47,759	95
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,106	1,306	-15
Partnership or corporation	502	514	-2
Other	35	36	-3
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	776	920	-16
Other	867	936	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,349	1,589	-15
Female	294	267	10
Operators by race:			
White	1,579	1,786	-12
Black and other races	64	70	-9
Average age of operator	53.5	52.5	2

(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.