

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



ALAMEDA CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 286,288 acres in 1992 to 258,070 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 594 acres in 1992 to 563 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 205 farms in 1992 to 188 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

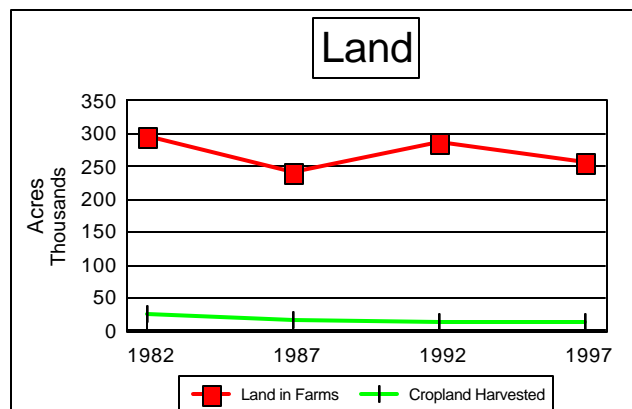
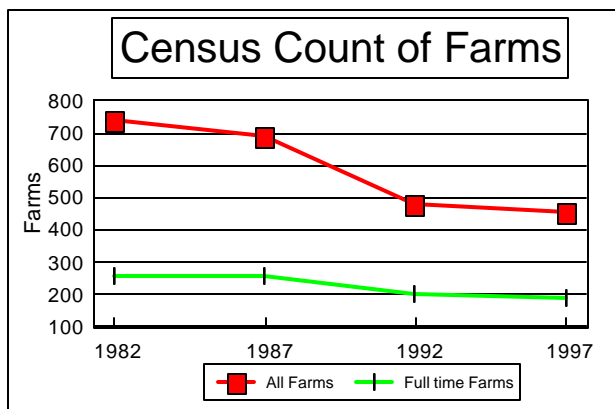
Decreased 2 percent to \$41,905,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$88,579 in 1992 to \$91,496 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	41,905	40	58	1,388	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	29,520	39	58	947	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,385	35	57	1,676	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	19,624	19	58	106	2,790
Cattle and calves	9,652	27	57	918	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	6,068	38	55	142	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	35	56	430	2,739
All other livestock & products	(D)	5	42	34	1,649
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	15	43	576	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	19,376	29	57	1,018	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	44	15	1,593
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	11	26	37	611
Sheep and lambs sold	702	38	56	1,034	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	15	50	567	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	30,442	30	57	1,117	3,064
Rabbit inventory	(D)	6	53	16	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	1,943	20	57	228	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,212	38	56	809	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,765	41	57	2,312	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	2,531	39	56	183	2,693
Wheat-acres	2,290	23	42	1,378	2,612
Safflower-acres	685	17	27	40	104
Rice-acres	684	14	19	118	153

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	245	337	-27
\$10,000 or more	213	145	47
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,774	37,209	-20
Average per farmdollars..	65,009	77,198	-16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,306	5,052	104
Average per farmdollars..	22,502	10,480	115
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	371	400	-7
Partnership or corporation	80	77	4
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	188	205	-8
Other	270	277	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	376	406	-7
Female	82	76	8
Operators by race:			
White	422	444	-5
Black and other races	36	38	-5
Average age of operator	55.9	55.1	1

(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.