

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



FRESNO CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 1,774,664 acres in 1992 to 1,881,418 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 253 acres in 1992 to 285 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 4,182 farms in 1992 to 4,108 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

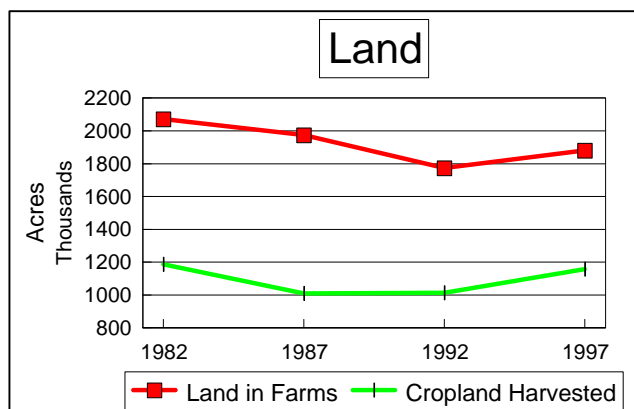
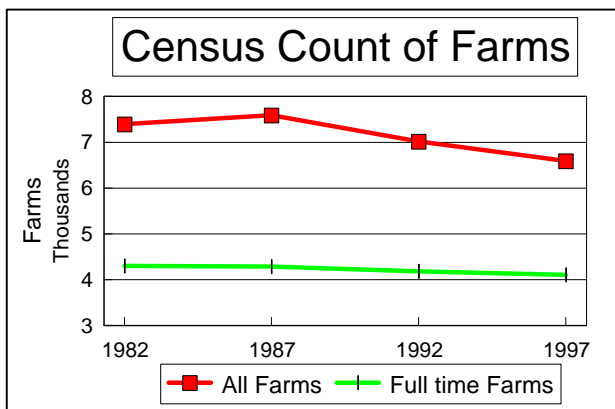
Increased 33 percent to \$2,772,785,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$296,470 in 1992 to \$420,629 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	2,772,785	1	58	1	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,116,147	1	58	1	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	656,637	4	57	7	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,098,446	1	55	1	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	505,145	2	56	2	2,739
Cotton, cottonseed	373,992	1	17	1	709
Cattle and calves	276,790	1	57	17	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	189,130	3	55	13	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	61,049,530	2	43	17	1,882
Turkeys sold	4,500,802	2	38	13	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,244,706	7	47	66	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	507,055	1	57	9	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	18,806	7	56	71	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	9,818,303	2	50	17	2,620
All turkeys inventory	1,880,583	1	52	9	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,217,793	7	56	63	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	301,760	6	57	11	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	276,040	5	44	53	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	445,144	1	56	1	2,693
Cotton-acres	348,003	1	17	1	713
Land used for vegetables-acres	171,495	2	56	2	2,741
Hay crops-acres	91,949	5	57	52	3,061
Wheat-acres	37,613	6	42	374	2,612

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	1,818	2,123	-14
\$10,000 or more	4,774	4,898	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,133,341	1,704,368	25
Average per farmdollars..	323,675	242,788	33
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	628,900	378,830	66
Average per farmdollars..	95,418	53,964	77
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	4,997	5,294	-6
Partnership or corporation	1,519	1,650	-8
Other	76	77	-1
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	4,108	4,182	-2
Other	2,484	2,839	-13
Operators by sex:			
Male	5,919	6,410	-8
Female	673	611	10
Operators by race:			
White	5,322	5,890	-10
Black and other races	1,270	1,131	12
Average age of operator	55.9	54.5	3

(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.