

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



HUMBOLDT CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 597,766 acres in 1992 to 584,538 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 684 acres in 1992 to 738 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 482 farms in 1992 to 417 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

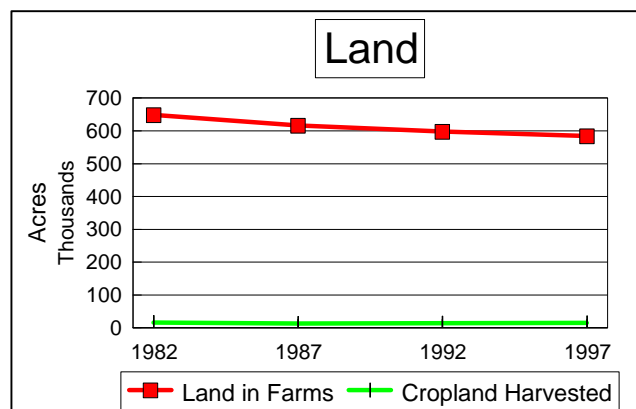
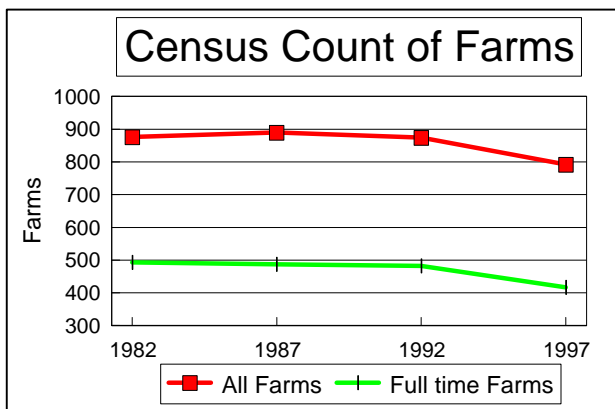
Increased 22 percent to \$75,475,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$70,835 in 1992 to \$95,297 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	75,475	35	58	758	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	50,644	15	57	498	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	24,832	41	58	1,100	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	33,795	14	47	129	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	18	58	95	2,790
Cattle and calves	15,039	21	57	595	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,365	36	56	463	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	887	21	51	494	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	33,568	19	57	542	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,171	24	56	273	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,901	20	56	1,577	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	27	43	967	1,882
All goats sold	430	16	52	222	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	69,201	20	57	336	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,507	25	56	276	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,408	29	57	429	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	1,027	36	52	459	2,588
All goat inventory	986	17	54	199	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,197	21	57	1,352	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	454	20	36	1,473	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	443	42	56	499	2,693
Potatoes-acres	359	10	43	266	1,733
Land used for vegetables-acres	342	37	56	762	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	405	462	-12
\$10,000 or more	387	412	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	58,254	47,469	23
Average per farmdollars..	73,460	54,375	35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,700	11,676	52
Average per farmdollars..	22,320	13,374	67
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	667	746	-11
Partnership or corporation	112	122	-8
Other	13	6	117
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	417	482	-13
Other	375	392	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	663	750	-12
Female	129	124	4
Operators by race:			
White	774	863	-10
Black and other races	18	11	64
Average age of operator	53.2	53.7	-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.