

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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California Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 29 percent from 183,569 acres in 1992 to 130,838 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 127 acres in 1992 to 107 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 553 farms in 1992 to 489 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

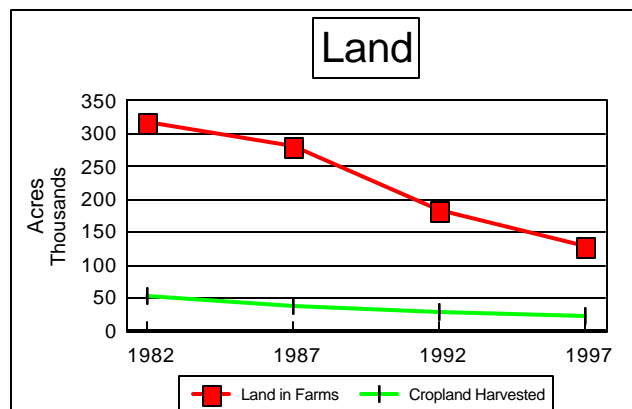
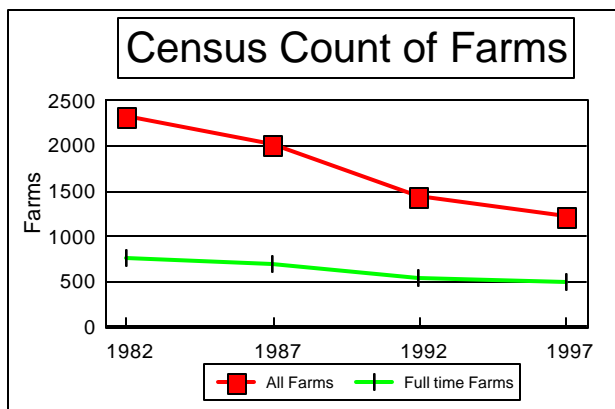
Increased 19 percent to \$237,665,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 40 percent from \$138,632 in 1992 to \$193,854 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	237,665	24	58	104	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	224,140	24	58	38	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,524	32	57	1,610	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	168,306	4	58	9	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	36,363	19	56	40	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	12,977	35	55	104	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	6,391	18	57	88	3,043
Poultry & poultry products	3,755	20	55	658	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,807,531	10	43	398	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	5,883	46	57	2,026	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,826	22	56	245	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,420	28	51	470	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,662	24	47	939	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	403,330	9	50	354	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	11,479	45	57	2,015	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	10,731	14	52	39	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	8,213	20	56	178	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	6,387	19	56	840	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	9,730	30	57	1,746	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	4,807	25	56	143	2,741
All nursery-acres	3,978	7	58	58	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	3,530	34	56	151	2,693
Barley-acres	888	20	36	391	1,411

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 .....	771	1,000	-23
\$10,000 or more .....	455	446	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	164,052	151,864	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	133,702	105,096	27
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	72,977	48,342	51
Average per farm .....dollars..	59,476	33,455	78
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	962	1,150	-16
Partnership or corporation .....	242	268	-10
Other .....	22	28	-21
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	489	553	-12
Other .....	737	893	-17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	958	1,135	-16
Female .....	268	311	-14
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	993	1,244	-20
Black and other races .....	233	202	15
Average age of operator .....	57.2	54.4	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.