

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
California Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 749,465 acres in 1992 to 641,546 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 439 acres in 1992 to 383 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 977 farms in 1992 to 977 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

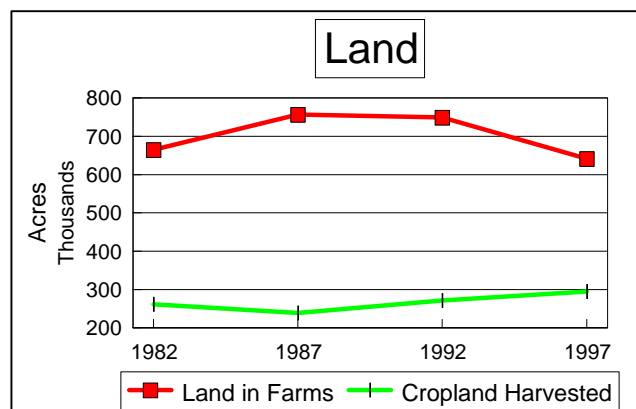
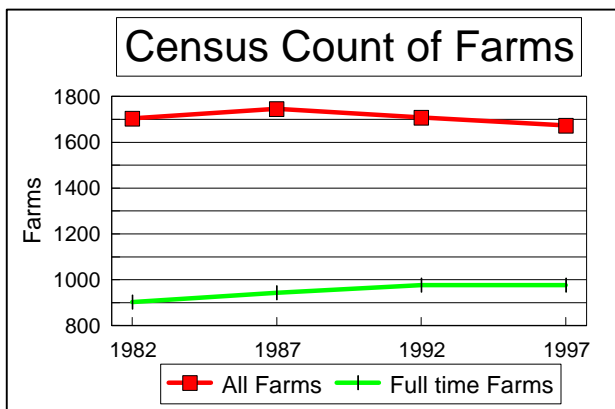
Increased 33 percent to \$627,210,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 36 percent from \$276,074 in 1992 to \$374,901 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	627,210	14	58	25	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	507,829	13	58	16	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	119,381	12	57	135	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	415,576	6	55	6	2,547
Dairy products	58,322	11	47	52	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	40,205	10	55	159	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	37,499	6	17	32	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	20,419	11	57	30	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,309,400	6	43	235	1,882
Turkeys sold	3,162,171	4	38	26	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	51	73	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	43,629	15	57	366	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	6,918	17	56	177	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	813,161	5	52	38	2,361
Broiler inventory	704,139	7	50	283	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	111,704	12	57	102	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	11	54	77	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,850	19	56	152	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	179,586	5	56	5	2,693
Hay crops-acres	38,980	14	57	451	3,061
Cotton-acres	36,806	6	17	99	713
Wheat-acres	16,017	13	42	603	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	7,852	9	31	1,158	2,691

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 .....	479	507	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	1,194	1,202	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	462,516	359,664	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	276,625	210,330	32
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	157,630	107,475	47
Average per farm .....dollars..	94,276	62,851	50
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,161	1,221	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	462	468	-1
Other .....	50	20	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	977	977	
Other .....	696	732	-5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,530	1,539	-1
Female .....	143	170	-16
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,512	1,575	-4
Black and other races .....	161	134	20
Average age of operator .....	56.8	55.8	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.