

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



MENDOCINO CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 725,118 acres in 1992 to 638,566 acres

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 666 acres in 1992 to 585 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 532 farms in 1992 to 564 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

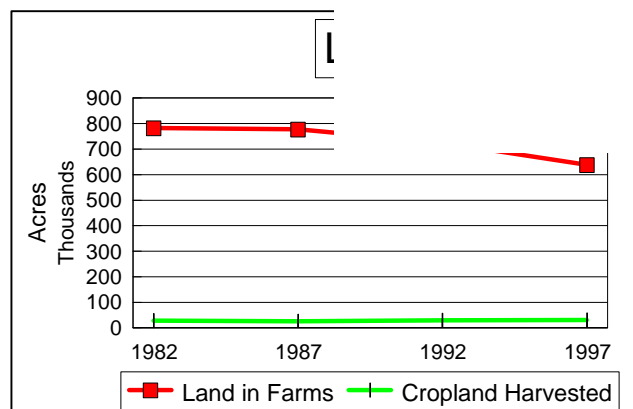
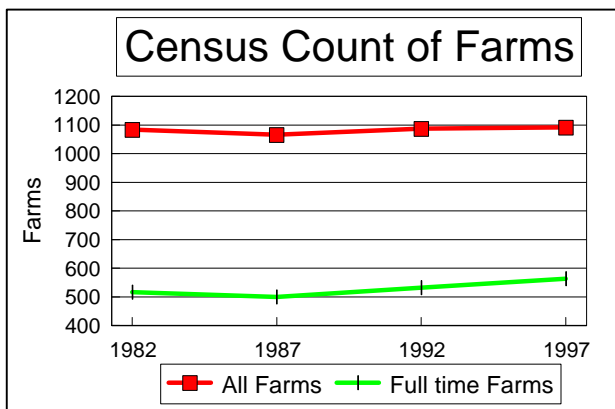
Increased 75 percent to \$116,859,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 74 percent from \$61,391 in 1992 to \$107,014 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	116,859	32	58	395	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	102,492	31	58	132	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,367	30	57	1,549	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	96,728	19	55	32	2,547
Cattle and calves	8,510	28	57	1,025	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	24	47	733	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,392	39	58	522	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,326	37	56	470	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	20,766	26	57	949	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	18	38	395	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	5,963	18	56	199	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	3,293	11	56	1,383	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	44	298	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	36,498	26	57	912	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	11,514	16	56	129	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,473	23	56	879	3,002
All turkeys inventory	(D)	18	52	359	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,804	13	56	1,391	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	19,272	24	56	49	2,693
Hay crops-acres	10,062	29	57	1,722	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	553	34	56	614	2,741
All nursery-acres	360	39	58	676	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	113	14	48	200	1,965

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	609	646	-6
\$10,000 or more	483	442	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	70,508	50,539	40
Average per farmdollars..	64,508	46,494	39
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	45,587	12,646	260
Average per farmdollars..	41,708	11,634	259
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	885	908	-3
Partnership or corporation	191	167	14
Other	16	13	23
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	564	532	6
Other	528	556	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	912	930	-2
Female	180	158	14
Operators by race:			
White	1,058	1,057	0
Black and other races	34	31	10
Average age of operator	56.6	55.6	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.