

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



ORANGE CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 60,740 acres in 1992 to 58,113 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 160 acres in 1992 to 167 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 173 farms in 1992 to 172 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

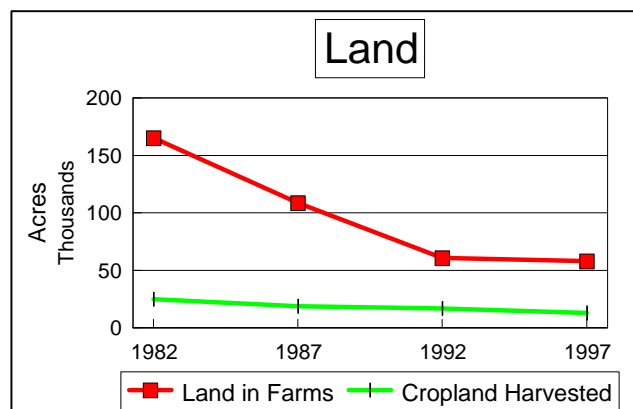
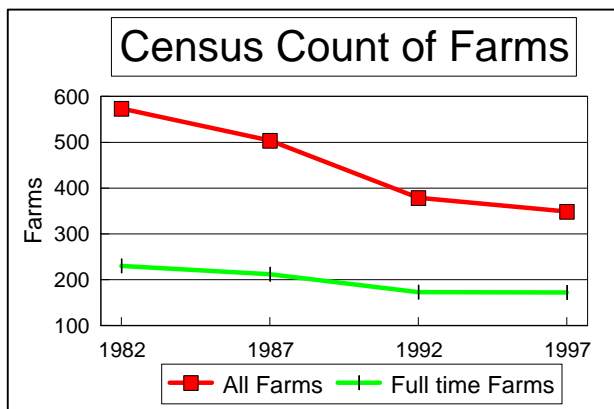
Increased 23 percent to \$228,881,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$491,702 in 1992 to \$655,818 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 | 228,881 | 25 | 58 | 109 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 225,766 | 23 | 58 | 37 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 3,115 | 51 | 57 | 2,579 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 150,918 | 5 | 58 | 11 | 2,790 |
| Fruits, nuts, berries | 46,461 | 27 | 55 | 50 | 2,547 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | 27,004 | 22 | 56 | 48 | 2,739 |
| Aquaculture | 1,374 | 10 | 47 | 97 | 1,505 |
| All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc | (D) | 21 | 45 | 262 | 1,971 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Colonies of bees sold | (D) | 5 | 26 | 12 | 611 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | (D) | 23 | 47 | 937 | 2,203 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 1,378 | 56 | 57 | 2,755 | 3,063 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | (D) | 26 | 44 | 592 | 1,593 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 43 | 51 | 1,333 | 2,200 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Colony of bees inventory | 5,498 | 22 | 52 | 98 | 2,588 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | (D) | 20 | 56 | 845 | 3,002 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 2,092 | 56 | 57 | 2,826 | 3,064 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 1,429 | 28 | 57 | 419 | 3,066 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | (D) | 13 | 53 | 454 | 2,549 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 3,823 | 26 | 56 | 172 | 2,741 |
| Land in orchards-acres | 2,811 | 38 | 56 | 174 | 2,693 |
| All nursery-acres | 2,264 | 14 | 58 | 112 | 2,619 |
| Total berries-acres | (D) | 5 | 49 | 23 | 2,058 |
| Barley-acres | (D) | 27 | 36 | 579 | 1,411 |

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 | 164 | 199 | -18 |
| \$10,000 or more | 185 | 180 | 3 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 127,311 | 143,070 | -11 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 364,788 | 377,492 | -3 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 102,033 | 43,979 | 132 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 292,358 | 116,038 | 152 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 233 | 243 | -4 |
| Partnership or corporation | 106 | 121 | -12 |
| Other | 10 | 15 | -33 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 172 | 173 | -1 |
| Other | 177 | 206 | -14 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 284 | 332 | -14 |
| Female | 65 | 47 | 38 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 277 | 297 | -7 |
| Black and other races | 72 | 82 | -12 |
| Average age of operator | 58.2 | 56.9 | 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.