

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



PLUMAS CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 119,514 acres in 1992 to 108,896 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 956 acres in 1992 to 931 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 71 farms in 1992 to 63 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

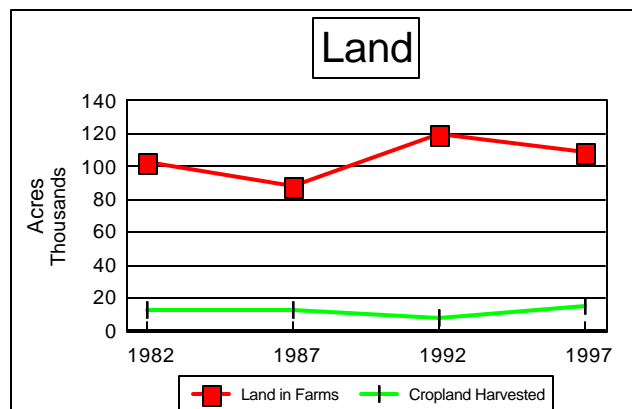
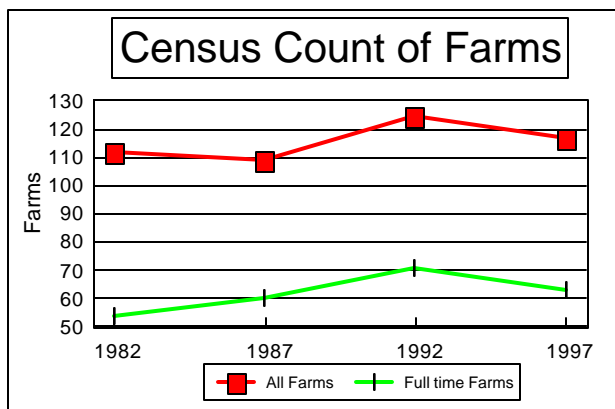
Increased 249 percent to \$23,125,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 273 percent from \$52,998 in 1992 to \$197,650 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	23,125	45	58	1,985	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,372	43	58	1,426	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,753	44	57	2,160	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	24	58	148	2,790
Cattle and calves	6,591	34	57	1,244	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,915	32	57	426	3,043
Horses and ponies	94	46	57	1,420	3,015
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	51	52	56	1,654	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	11,801	37	57	1,458	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	362	45	56	1,423	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	44	56	2,514	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	36	44	1,006	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	35	47	57	1,999	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,458	42	57	1,728	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	567	45	56	1,333	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	467	39	56	1,739	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	427	51	57	1,804	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	134	39	56	2,397	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,902	23	57	1,433	3,061
All nursery-acres	(D)	15	58	122	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	1	48	9	1,965
Oats-acres	55	31	35	1,849	2,332
Land used for vegetables-acres	17	50	56	2,016	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	59	68	-13
\$10,000 or more	58	57	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,255	5,621	47
Average per farmdollars..	70,555	45,330	56
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,855	983	1309
Average per farmdollars..	118,418	7,930	1393
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	95	103	-8
Partnership or corporation	20	20	
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	63	71	-11
Other	54	54	
Operators by sex:			
Male	94	101	-7
Female	23	24	-4
Operators by race:			
White	116	120	-3
Black and other races	1	5	-80
Average age of operator	54.5	54.7	-0

(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.