

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 517,860 acres in 1992 to 474,901 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 79 acres in 1992 to 80 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 2,390 farms in 1992 to 2,205 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

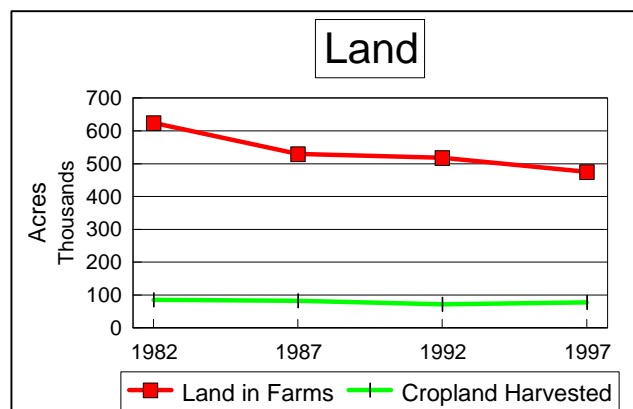
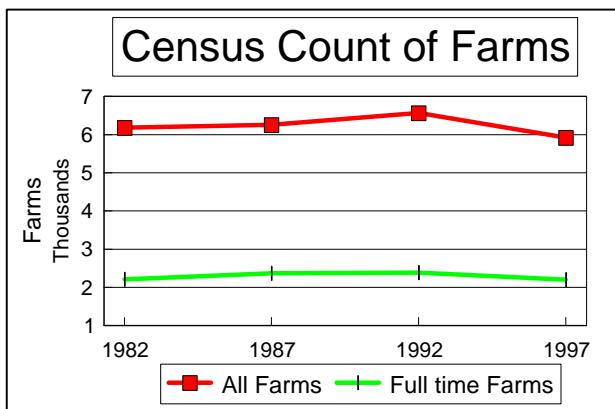
Increased 27 percent to \$632,731,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$75,630 in 1992 to \$106,790 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	632,731	13	58	24	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	548,234	12	58	15	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	84,497	13	57	250	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	347,237	1	58	1	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	139,066	15	55	23	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	59,883	15	56	24	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	50,868	8	55	113	2,901
Dairy products	11,839	17	47	321	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	47	25	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	480,330	13	43	524	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	64,789	11	51	91	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	3	44	4	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	15,153	30	57	1,236	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,652,662	5	56	12	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	561,927	3	53	15	2,549
Broiler inventory	167,563	13	50	460	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	84,107	8	44	158	1,790
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	36,860	7	54	53	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	54,222	12	56	20	2,693
All nursery-acres	7,689	2	58	15	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,488	23	56	107	2,741
Total herbs-acres	(D)	4	46	9	649
Hay crops-acres	4,869	40	57	2,298	3,061

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	3,867	4,519	-14
\$10,000 or more	2,058	2,046	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	413,937	388,488	7
Average per farmdollars..	69,863	59,167	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	217,400	107,927	101
Average per farmdollars..	36,692	16,437	123
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	5,026	5,702	-12
Partnership or corporation	750	752	
Other	149	111	34
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	2,205	2,390	-8
Other	3,720	4,175	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	5,010	5,605	-11
Female	915	960	-5
Operators by race:			
White	5,542	6,221	-11
Black and other races	383	344	11
Average age of operator	59.1	57.2	3

(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.