

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 836,989 acres in 1992 to 817,068 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 519 acres in 1992 to 563 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 811 farms in 1992 to 755 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

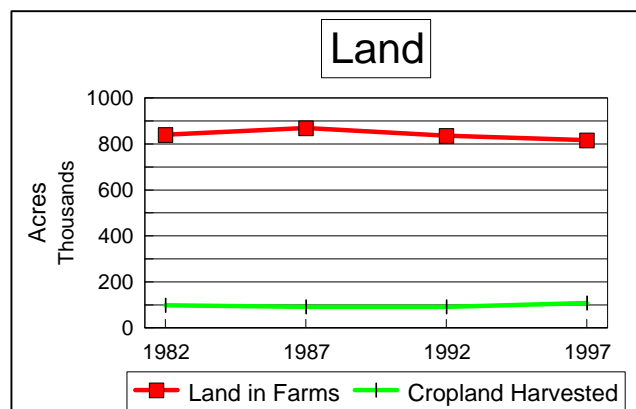
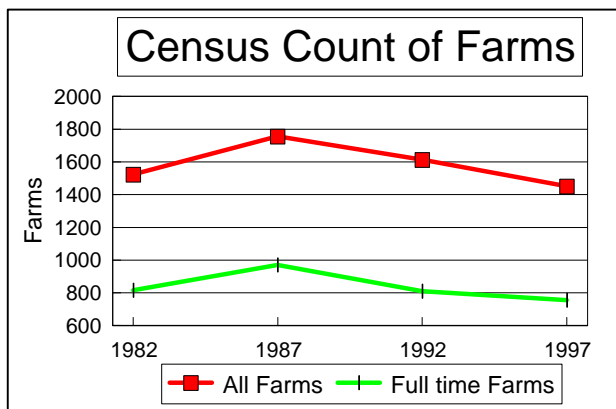
Increased 69 percent to \$659,741,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 88 percent from \$242,419 in 1992 to \$454,680 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	659,741	12	58	22	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	622,381	7	58	8	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	37,360	19	57	723	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	253,719	4	56	5	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	229,171	13	55	14	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	130,315	6	58	12	2,790
Cattle and calves	20,174	15	57	399	3,063
Dairy products	8,181	19	47	440	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	47	623	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	41,138	16	57	400	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	5,564	20	56	210	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,605	27	51	456	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	29	43	1,036	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	10	56	234	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	71,619	18	57	306	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	9	44	228	1,790
Sheep and lamb inventory	10,250	18	56	143	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	5,341	17	54	231	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	54,913	7	56	9	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	25,553	23	56	42	2,693
Hay crops-acres	11,632	26	57	1,546	3,061
Total herbs-acres	(D)	3	46	5	649
Total berries-acres	(D)	4	49	14	2,058

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	684	870	-21
\$10,000 or more	767	743	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	441,132	321,443	37
Average per farmdollars..	304,019	199,406	52
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	215,923	71,681	201
Average per farmdollars..	148,810	44,467	235
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,015	1,160	-13
Partnership or corporation	400	408	-2
Other	36	45	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	755	811	-7
Other	696	802	-13
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,256	1,396	-10
Female	195	217	-10
Operators by race:			
White	1,336	1,476	-9
Black and other races	115	137	-16
Average age of operator	56.8	55.2	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.