

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



SHASTA CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased 18 percent from 388,084 acres in 1992 to 316,743 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 19 percent from 460 acres in 1992 to 373 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 385 farms in 1992 to 354 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

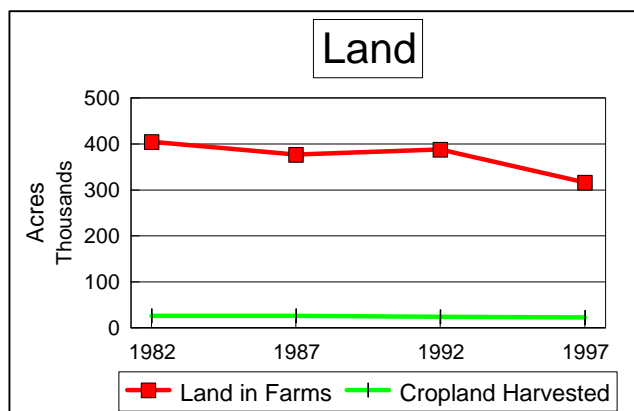
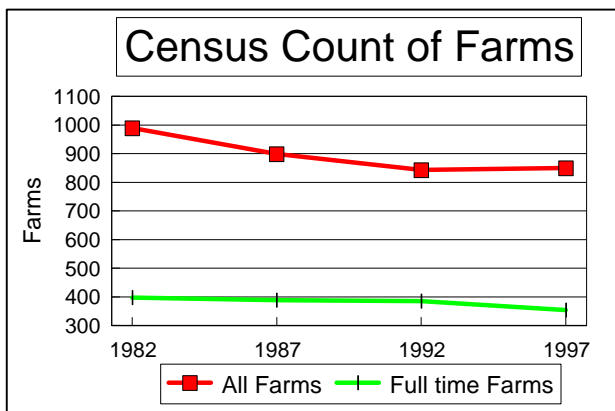
Decreased 6 percent to \$31,349,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$39,334 in 1992 to \$36,881 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	31,349	43	58	1,681	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	18,375	42	58	1,326	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,975	33	57	1,640	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,623	25	58	164	2,790
Cattle and calves	8,094	29	57	1,069	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,412	24	57	305	3,043
All other livestock & products	(D)	7	42	38	1,649
Colonies of bees and honey	1,310	6	51	11	1,992
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Colonies of bees sold	20,332	1	26	2	611
Cattle and calves sold	19,471	28	57	1,016	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	4,166	25	51	422	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	992	35	56	815	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	529	32	56	2,039	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	37,758	25	57	884	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	23,124	8	52	12	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,708	22	57	292	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,589	27	56	1,015	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,417	36	56	725	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,363	22	57	1,408	3,061
All nursery-acres	5,287	3	58	36	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	997	41	56	329	2,693
Wheat-acres	945	29	42	1,681	2,612
Wild rice-acres	791	7	12	13	27

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	603	589	2
\$10,000 or more	247	255	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,652	28,965	-18
Average per farmdollars..	27,794	34,359	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,204	2,669	170
Average per farmdollars..	8,466	3,166	167
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	751	751	
Partnership or corporation	82	81	1
Other	17	12	42
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	354	385	-8
Other	496	459	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	694	688	1
Female	156	156	
Operators by race:			
White	815	812	0
Black and other races	35	32	9
Average age of operator	56.7	55.9	1

(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.