

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



SONOMA CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 517,114 acres in 1992 to 570,804 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 189 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 1,234 farms in 1992 to 1,344 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

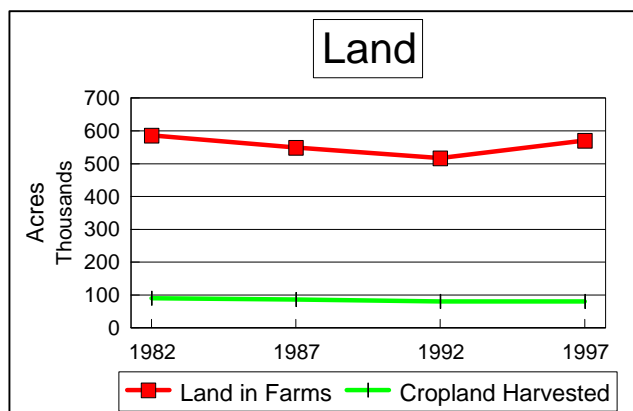
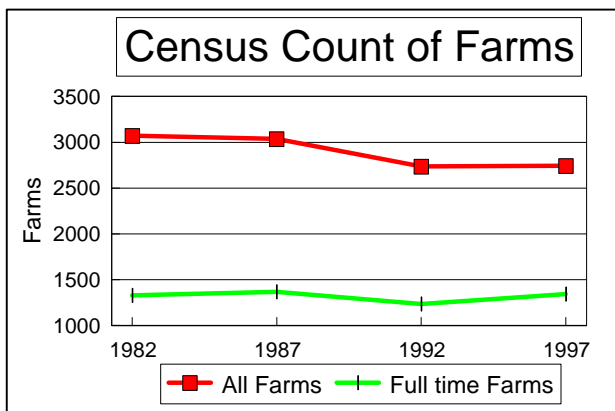
Increased 65 percent to \$463,616,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 65 percent from \$102,614 in 1992 to \$168,895 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	463,616	16	58	34	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	320,338	16	58	23	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	143,278	11	57	97	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	245,855	11	55	12	2,547
Dairy products	72,393	10	47	39	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	57,605	14	58	31	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	48,336	9	55	125	2,901
Cattle and calves	15,758	18	57	561	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	10,322,406	5	43	186	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	51	7	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	8	47	167	2,203
Turkeys sold	129,010	11	38	243	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	39,278	18	57	437	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,008,375	4	50	160	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,097,616	8	56	73	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	54	10	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	93,462	15	57	156	3,064
All turkeys inventory	92,265	9	52	175	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	50,301	13	56	22	2,693
Hay crops-acres	26,565	16	57	764	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,635	30	56	324	2,741
Total herbs-acres	(D)	7	46	23	649
All nursery-acres	852	28	58	355	2,619

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	1,281	1,484	-14
\$10,000 or more	1,464	1,253	17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	328,185	221,608	48
Average per farmdollars..	119,557	80,938	48
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	134,758	59,065	128
Average per farmdollars..	49,092	21,572	128
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,212	2,181	1
Partnership or corporation	490	523	-6
Other	43	33	30
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,344	1,234	9
Other	1,401	1,503	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,279	2,313	-1
Female	466	424	10
Operators by race:			
White	2,657	2,673	-1
Black and other races	88	64	38
Average age of operator	56.9	55.5	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.