

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



CALAVERAS CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 246,077 acres in 1992 to 245,116 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 562 acres in 1992 to 536 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 15 percent from 181 farms in 1992 to 208 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

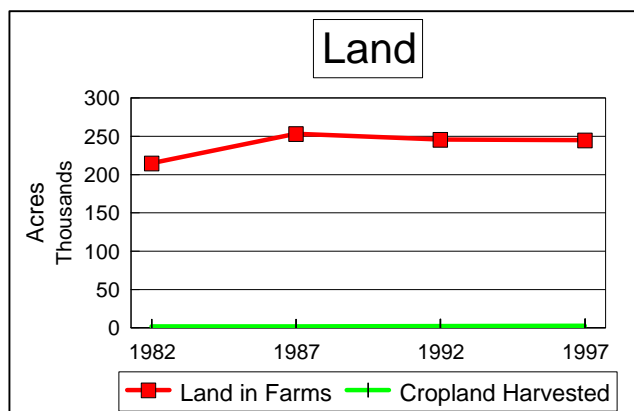
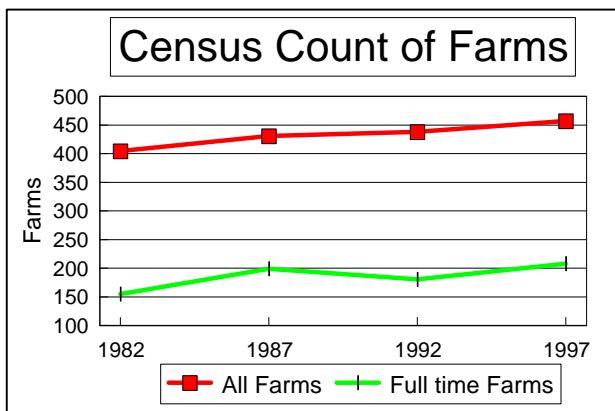
Decreased 33 percent to \$9,841,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 36 percent from \$33,767 in 1992 to \$21,535 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	9,841	50	58	2,508	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,081	42	57	2,034	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,761	51	58	2,557	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	6,686	33	57	1,235	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,148	41	55	296	2,547
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	25	55	986	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	348	51	58	1,495	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	230	46	56	1,007	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	12	38	277	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	14,466	35	57	1,275	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	5,706	22	51	369	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	22	47	915	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	1,055	34	56	789	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	12	52	255	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	30,485	29	57	1,114	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	19	54	270	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,454	35	56	709	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	920	37	57	835	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	1,136	40	56	306	2,693
Hay crops-acres	1,064	50	57	2,862	3,061
All nursery-acres	309	43	58	746	2,619
Wheat-acres	(D)	38	42	2,267	2,612
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	72	20	48	304	1,965

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	299	315	-5
\$10,000 or more	158	123	28
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,047	12,524	-28
Average per farmdollars..	19,797	28,465	-30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	644	2,119	-70
Average per farmdollars..	1,410	4,816	-71
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	393	381	3
Partnership or corporation	55	48	15
Other	9	9	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	208	181	15
Other	249	257	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	358	362	-1
Female	99	76	30
Operators by race:			
White	444	424	5
Black and other races	13	14	-7
Average age of operator	56.0	55.3	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.