

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## SUTTER CALIFORNIA

### Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 318,156 acres in 1992 to 348,349 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 234 acres in 1992 to 265 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 850 farms in 1992 to 849 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

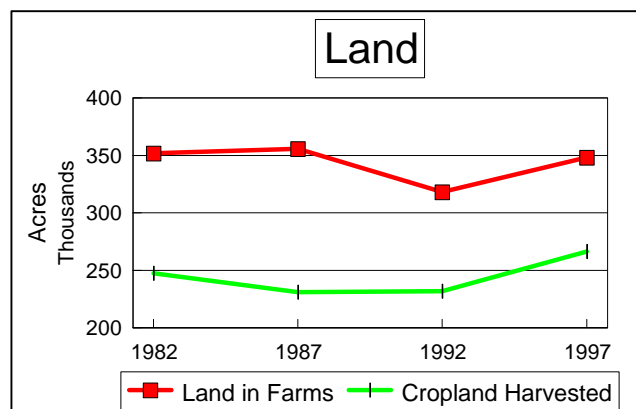
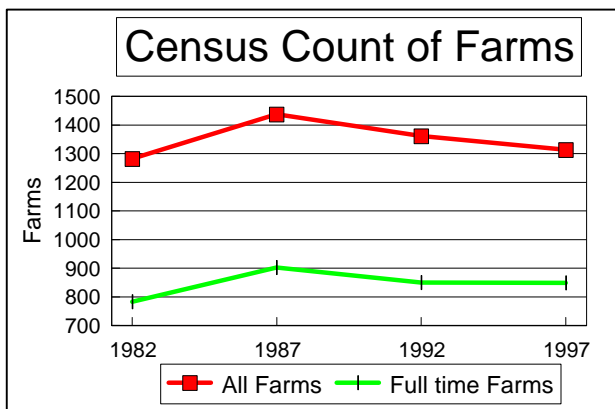
Increased 32 percent to \$279,653,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$156,030 in 1992 to \$212,826 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	279,653	20	58	76	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	272,715	19	58	29	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,939	43	57	2,141	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	123,194	16	55	25	2,547
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	83,172	2	45	2	1,971
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	45,948	17	56	30	2,739
Wheat	5,739	10	41	329	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,709	21	57	123	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Colonies of bees sold	11,798	3	26	8	611
Sheep and lambs sold	7,392	16	56	167	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	6,546	45	57	1,941	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	51	347	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	25	47	960	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Colony of bees inventory	25,312	6	52	10	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	15,407	12	56	104	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	12,660	44	57	1,938	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,397	28	54	564	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	563	36	56	1,586	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Rice-acres	95,382	3	19	8	153
Land in orchards-acres	71,825	9	56	16	2,693
Safflower-acres	25,129	2	27	2	104
Land used for vegetables-acres	21,837	14	56	30	2,741
Wheat-acres	20,440	11	42	528	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	399	469	-15
\$10,000 or more .....	915	893	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	218,019	166,380	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	165,920	122,069	36
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	59,443	43,063	38
Average per farm .....dollars..	45,238	31,594	43
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	882	1,006	-12
Partnership or corporation .....	417	346	21
Other .....	15	10	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	849	850	-0
Other .....	465	512	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,183	1,217	-3
Female .....	131	145	-10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,081	1,138	-5
Black and other races .....	233	224	4
Average age of operator .....	54.9	53.7	2

(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.