

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



VENTURA CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 320,597 acres in 1992 to 346,279 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 146 acres in 1992 to 156 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 947 farms in 1992 to 1,030 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

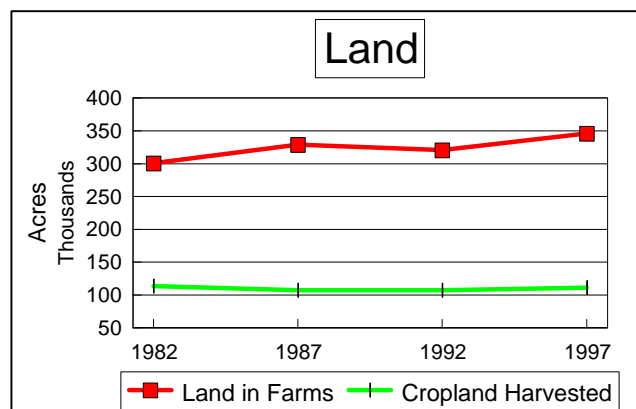
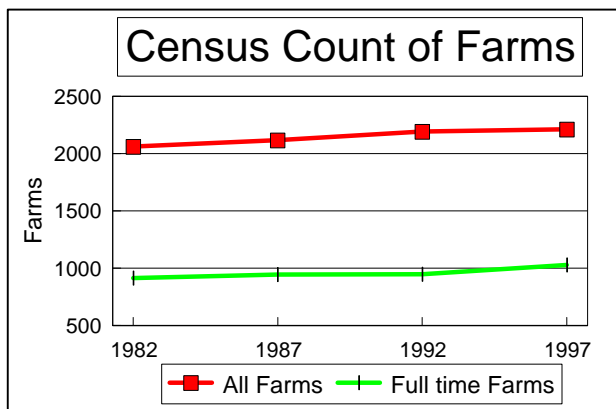
Increased 27 percent to \$845,613,000 in 1997.

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 26 percent from \$304,249 in 1992 to \$381,939 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	845,613	10	58	13	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	828,906	6	58	7	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	16,707	28	57	1,412	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	410,243	7	55	8	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	232,393	6	56	8	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	182,830	3	58	5	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	14	55	422	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,317	47	57	2,054	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	47	299	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	8	51	47	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	6,587	44	57	1,936	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	12	56	1,390	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	296	14	57	187	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	12	56	324	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	8	54	56	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	18,951	39	57	1,584	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	8,924	16	52	48	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	3,008	13	57	82	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	61,657	11	56	18	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	29,146	11	56	21	2,741
Total herbs-acres	14,344	1	46	2	649
Hay crops-acres	8,005	34	57	1,909	3,061
Total berries-acres	6,636	2	49	6	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	946	1,066	-11
\$10,000 or more	1,268	1,129	12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	535,342	549,419	-3
Average per farmdollars..	241,799	250,305	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	307,560	115,741	166
Average per farmdollars..	138,916	52,729	163
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,528	1,530	-0
Partnership or corporation	617	594	4
Other	69	71	-3
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,030	947	9
Other	1,184	1,248	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,866	1,918	-3
Female	348	277	26
Operators by race:			
White	1,983	1,952	2
Black and other races	231	243	-5
Average age of operator	58.7	56.4	4

(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.