

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
California Agricultural Statistics Service



EL DORADO CALIFORNIA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 102,028 acres in 1992 to 102,726 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 148 acres in 1992 to 135 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 294 farms in 1992 to 320 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

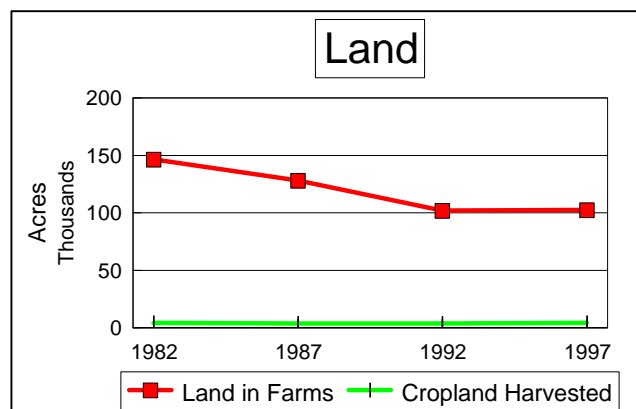
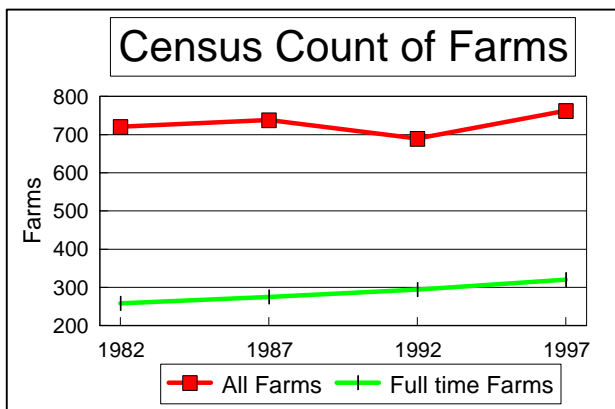
Increased 41 percent to \$13,479,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$13,809 in 1992 to \$17,666 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	13,479	49	58	2,359	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,098	46	58	1,747	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,381	49	57	2,535	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	6,258	37	55	136	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,312	40	58	530	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,869	48	57	2,207	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	26	55	1,029	2,901
Horses and ponies	521	20	57	253	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	15	38	340	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	23	51	373	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,086	49	57	2,307	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	965	36	56	831	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	661	28	56	1,953	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,890	48	57	2,162	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	15	52	329	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,046	33	56	531	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,615	26	54	518	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,608	26	56	1,011	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	3,095	37	56	163	2,693
All nursery-acres	659	31	58	430	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	500	3	48	46	1,965
Hay crops-acres	452	53	57	2,959	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	93	41	56	1,277	2,741

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	569	539	6
\$10,000 or more	194	151	28
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,622	9,982	6
Average per farmdollars..	13,939	14,508	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,268	(605)	310
Average per farmdollars..	1,664	(879)	289
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	678	615	10
Partnership or corporation	77	64	20
Other	8	11	-27
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	320	294	9
Other	443	396	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	617	558	11
Female	146	132	11
Operators by race:			
White	743	673	10
Black and other races	20	17	18
Average age of operator	57.1	56.0	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.