

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture  
Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

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### Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 159,358 acres in 1992 to 129,639 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 26 percent from 848 acres in 1992 to 626 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 132 farms in 1992 to 131 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

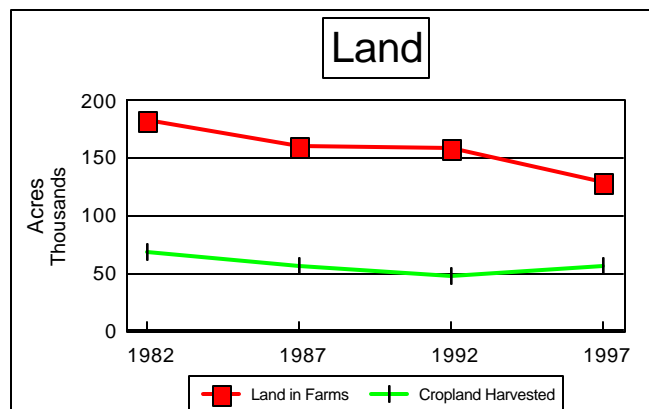
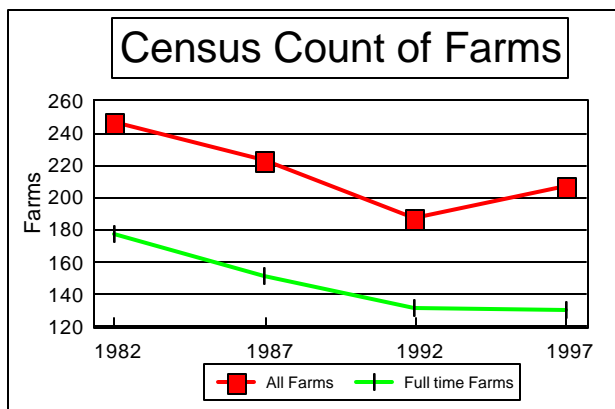
Increased 11 percent to \$21,514,000 in 1997.

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 slightly from \$103,083 in 1992 to \$103,932 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	21,514	29	44	2,043	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	14,913	27	44	1,480	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,601	30	44	2,180	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	5,382	15	44	105	3,043
Cattle and calves	5,041	30	44	1,457	3,063
Barley	3,566	14	43	59	1,167
Wheat	3,346	27	42	503	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,478	25	38	325	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	9,878	31	44	1,621	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	7,428	13	43	166	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	131	27	42	2,510	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	85	24	44	1,085	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	17	24	1,127	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,193	29	44	1,530	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	8,151	12	43	180	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	532	36	44	1,515	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	150	22	43	2,364	3,005
All goat inventory	87	21	42	1,851	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	28,498	20	44	715	3,061
Barley-acres	14,180	18	43	101	1,411
Wheat-acres	12,689	26	42	678	2,612
Potatoes-acres	2,221	20	37	103	1,733
Oats-acres	311	20	43	1,206	2,332

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 .....	60	58	3
\$10,000 or more .....	147	130	13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	17,837	17,026	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	85,756	90,564	-5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,598	4,515	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,298	24,017	-28
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	169	147	15
Partnership or corporation .....	38	38	
Other .....	-	3	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	131	132	-1
Other .....	76	56	36
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	192	170	13
Female .....	15	18	-17
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	206	187	10
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	53.4	52.8	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.