

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 59,642,536 acres in 1992 to 58,607,778 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 2,613 acres in 1992 to 2,414 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 16,006 farms in 1992 to 15,703 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

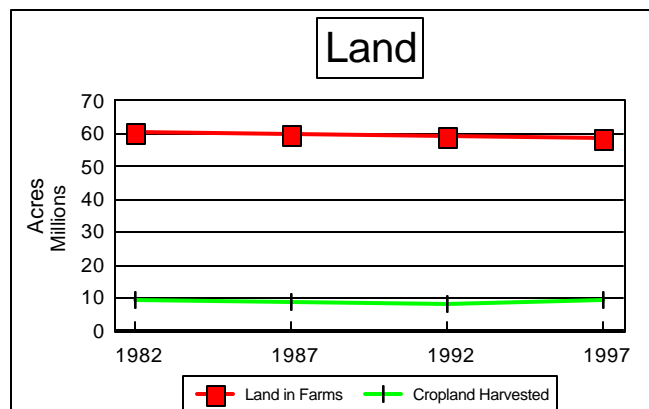
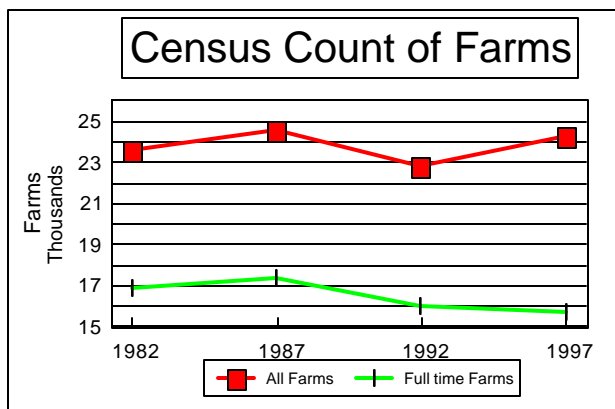
Increased 8 percent to \$1,870,732,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$75,818 in 1992 to \$77,051 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,870,732	33	50
Value of livestock and poultry	966,910	30	50
Value of crops including nursery	903,822	31	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Cattle and calves	834,544	11	50
Wheat	569,996	3	46
Barley	124,151	3	43
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	91,110	17	50
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	78,076	19	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Cattle and calves sold	1,654,014	10	50
Sheep and lambs sold	337,280	6	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	298,658	42	50
Hogs and pigs sold	293,161	28	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	211,163	24	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Cattle and calves inventory	2,618,319	11	50
Sheep and lamb inventory	416,012	7	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	294,399	42	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	177,740	28	50
Colony of bees inventory	95,331	8	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Wheat-acres	5,602,336	3	46
Hay crops-acres	2,528,517	8	50
Barley-acres	1,093,414	2	45
Oats-acres	66,331	14	49
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	59,345	9	16

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	9,328	7,968	17
\$10,000 or more	14,951	14,853	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,512,749	1,399,200	8
Average per farmdollars..	62,320	61,304	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	334,834	333,711	0
Average per farmdollars..	13,793	14,621	-6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	18,751	17,723	6
Partnership or corporation	5,186	4,844	7
Other	342	254	35
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	15,703	16,006	-2
Other	8,576	6,815	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	21,951	20,995	5
Female	2,328	1,826	27
Operators by race:			
White	23,608	22,356	6
Black and other races	671	465	44
Average age of operator	54.0	52.9	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.