

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



BEAVERHEAD MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 1,342,484 acres in 1992 to 1,152,008 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 18 percent from 3,891 acres in 1992 to 3,200 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 239 farms in 1992 to 223 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

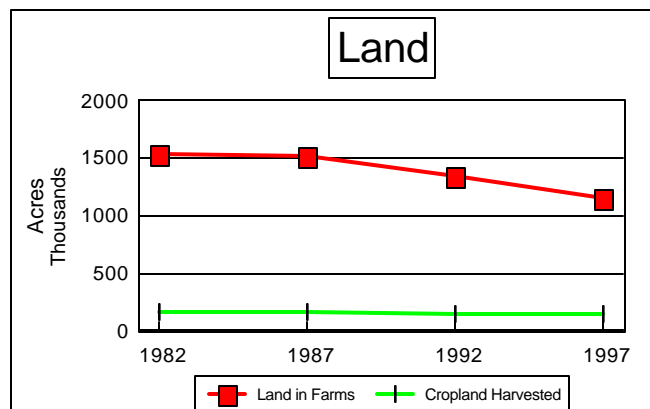
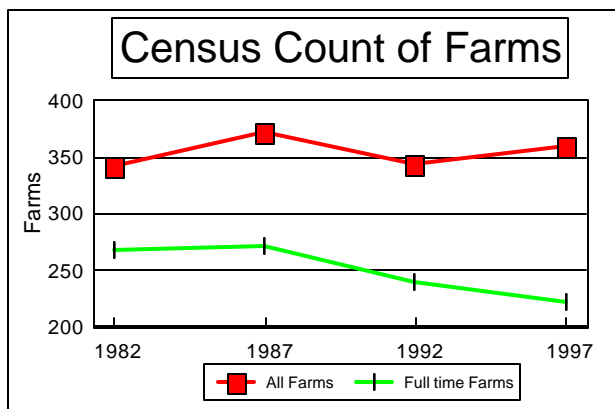
Decreased 15 percent to \$55,374,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$189,258 in 1992 to \$153,815 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	55,374	10	56	1,077	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	45,210	2	56	582	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,164	27	56	1,741	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	43,422	2	56	152	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,319	4	56	136	3,043
Barley	2,395	12	54	82	1,167
Wheat	1,908	38	54	677	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	15	43	410	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	81,100	2	56	140	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	11,701	6	56	117	2,765
All goats sold	336	1	31	297	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	202	12	56	351	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	107	47	54	2,555	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	138,390	1	56	64	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	18,165	5	56	87	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	6	44	127	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	2,397	8	56	153	3,066
All goat inventory	(D)	1	51	279	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	122,374	2	56	23	3,061
Wheat-acres	10,445	42	55	752	2,612
Barley-acres	10,045	26	56	133	1,411
Potatoes-acres	555	6	35	213	1,733
Oats-acres	542	41	56	937	2,332

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	119	104	14
\$10,000 or more	241	241	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,645	52,178	-13
Average per farmdollars..	126,791	150,804	-16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,037	13,527	-26
Average per farmdollars..	27,880	39,095	-29
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	214	209	2
Partnership or corporation	137	130	5
Other	9	6	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	223	239	-7
Other	137	106	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	333	305	9
Female	27	40	-33
Operators by race:			
White	358	345	4
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	54.0	55.1	-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.