

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



## DAWSON MONTANA

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 1,334,041 acres in 1992 to 1,417,310 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 2,958 acres in 1992 to 2,823 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 358 farms in 1992 to 356 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

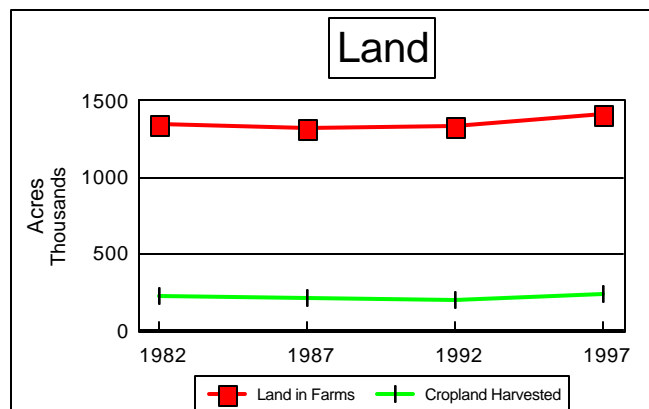
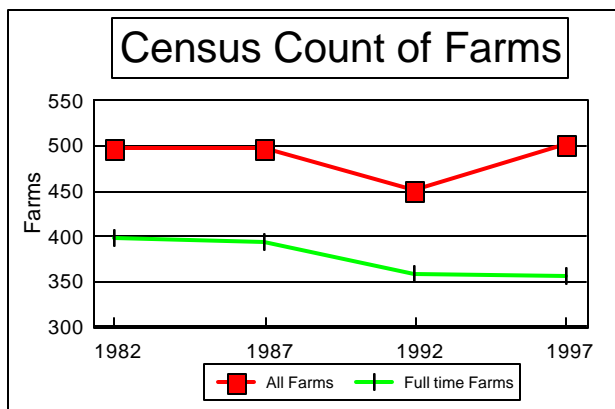
Increased 2 percent to \$34,748,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 8 percent from \$75,475 in 1992 to \$69,220 in 1997.



# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Montana Agricultural Statistics Service

## DAWSON MONTANA

### 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	34,748	25	56	1,578	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,606	18	56	1,239	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,142	32	56	1,573	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Wheat	14,704	18	54	132	2,578
Cattle and calves	13,012	28	56	697	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,303	9	43	335	2,237
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,080	1	43	286	1,971
Barley	1,079	23	54	128	1,167
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	27,598	27	56	703	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,783	24	56	248	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,159	31	54	1,765	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	93	27	56	991	3,015
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	24	26	1,621	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,249	28	56	719	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,023	20	56	205	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,150	27	56	1,547	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,049	29	56	683	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	517	26	55	1,659	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	169,383	14	55	86	2,612
Hay crops-acres	44,230	30	56	350	3,061
Barley-acres	15,744	19	56	93	1,411
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	3,065	6	13	79	199
Safflower-acres	3,014	3	14	15	104

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 .....	155	99	57
\$10,000 or more .....	347	352	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	28,695	24,915	15
Average per farm .....dollars..	57,160	55,244	3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,355	10,124	-47
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,667	22,449	-52
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	361	346	4
Partnership or corporation .....	138	100	38
Other .....	3	5	-40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	356	358	-1
Other .....	146	93	57
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	467	428	9
Female .....	35	23	52
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	502	451	11
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	54.0	52.1	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.