

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service

DEER LODGE MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 25 percent from 135,126 acres in 1992 to 101,657 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 37 percent from 1,930 acres in 1992 to 1,225 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 19 percent from 37 farms in 1992 to 44 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

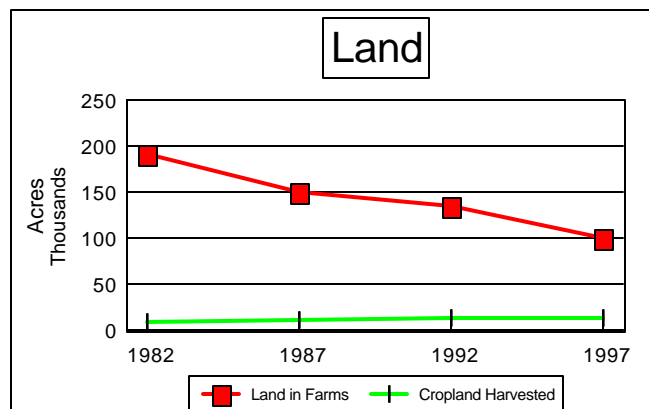
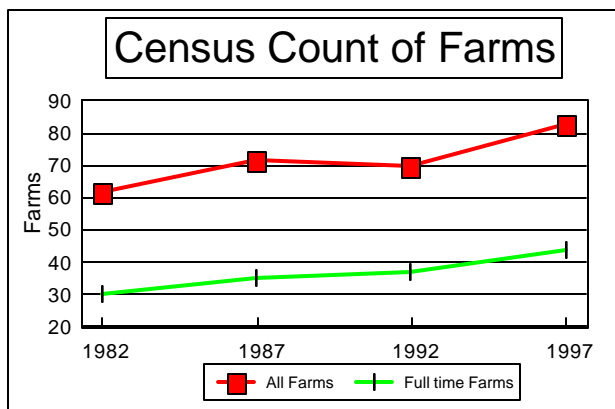
Decreased 10 percent to \$4,217,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 24 percent from \$66,883 in 1992 to \$50,807 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	4,217	53	56	2,809	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,360	53	56	2,537	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	857	54	56	2,761	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,112	53	56	1,827	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	18	43	644	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	339	52	56	1,981	3,043
Aquaculture	(D)	5	13	318	1,505
Barley	60	52	54	404	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,865	53	56	1,906	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	616	49	56	1,119	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	43	54	2,260	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	55	56	2,763	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,606	53	56	2,003	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	536	49	56	1,373	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	275	53	56	2,292	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	52	52	55	2,794	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	52	56	2,841	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,143	52	56	1,498	3,061
Barley-acres	444	53	56	526	1,411
Wheat-acres	(D)	54	55	2,083	2,612
Potatoes-acres	(D)	8	35	308	1,733
Oats-acres	(D)	54	56	1,776	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	39	32	22
\$10,000 or more	44	38	16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,973	4,023	-1
Average per farmdollars..	47,866	57,470	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	244	659	-63
Average per farmdollars..	2,940	9,413	-69
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	66	56	18
Partnership or corporation	14	13	8
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	44	37	19
Other	39	33	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	76	63	21
Female	7	7	
Operators by race:			
White	80	69	16
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	55.3	53.1	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.