

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



GARFIELD MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 2,000,266 acres in 1992 to 2,163,270 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 7,606 acres in 1992 to 8,866 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 221 farms in 1992 to 223 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

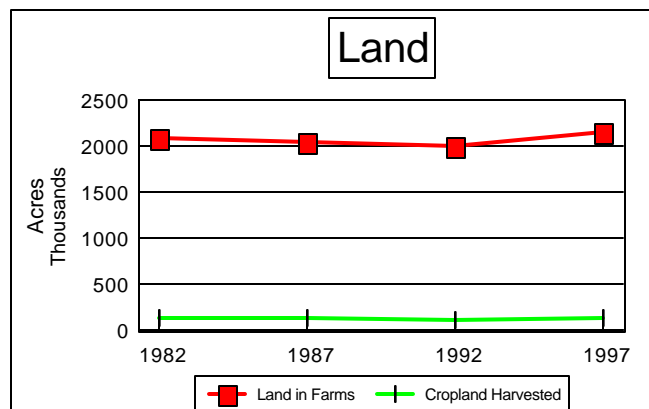
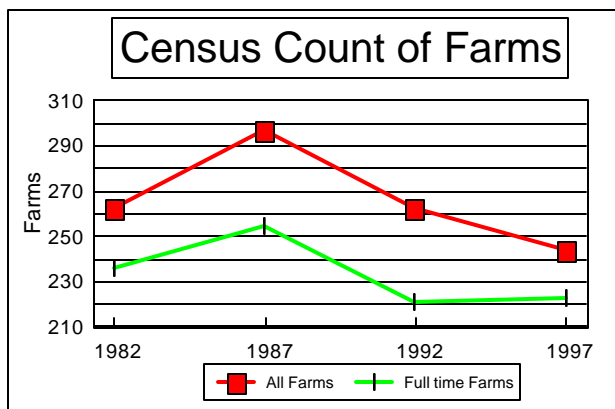
Increased 28 percent to \$32,030,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$95,006 in 1992 to \$131,271 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	32,030	27	56	1,662	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	22,266	17	56	1,140	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,764	29	56	1,770	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	17,860	18	56	476	3,063
Wheat	8,727	21	54	245	2,578
Sheep, lambs, and wool	3,572	2	56	36	2,787
Barley	664	30	54	164	1,167
Horses and ponies	(D)	4	56	202	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Sheep and lambs sold	37,616	2	56	41	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	35,533	18	56	496	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	547	2	56	69	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	419	39	54	2,133	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	20	36	1,519	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	54,939	22	56	526	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	49,384	2	56	31	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,296	19	56	505	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	573	25	55	1,574	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	287	37	56	2,093	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	102,118	20	55	186	2,612
Hay crops-acres	33,506	34	56	571	3,061
Barley-acres	10,630	25	56	128	1,411
Oats-acres	2,838	3	56	243	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	130	16	30	1,945	2,473

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	44	47	-6
\$10,000 or more	200	216	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	26,092	19,863	31
Average per farmdollars..	106,934	75,523	42
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,996	5,483	9
Average per farmdollars..	24,573	20,848	18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	164	173	-5
Partnership or corporation	79	83	-5
Other	1	7	-86
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	223	221	1
Other	21	42	-50
Operators by sex:			
Male	230	247	-7
Female	14	16	-13
Operators by race:			
White	244	263	-7
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.1	54.6	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.