

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



## GOLDEN VALLEY MONTANA

### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 636,514 acres in 1992 to 638,049 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 5,260 acres in 1992 to 5,407 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 104 farms in 1992 to 90 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

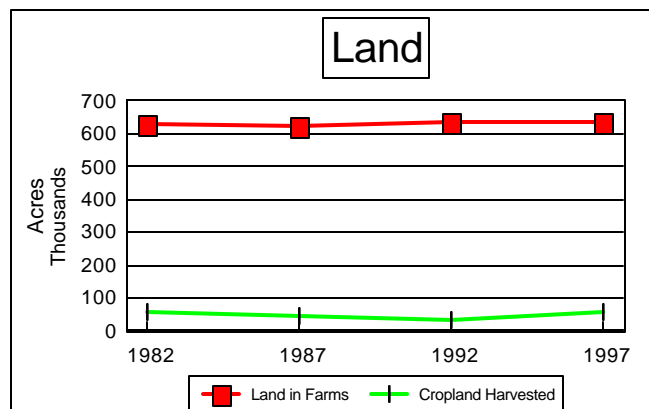
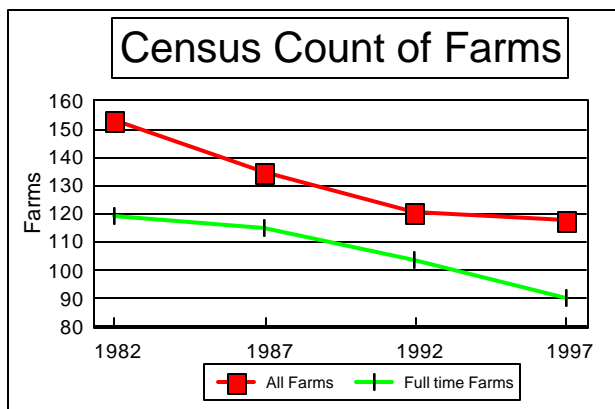
Increased 16 percent to \$12,942,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$92,300 in 1992 to \$109,674 in 1997.



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### 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	12,942	46	56	2,387	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,415	42	56	1,998	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,527	41	56	2,176	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,725	41	56	1,230	3,063
Wheat	3,637	31	54	472	2,578
Sheep, lambs, and wool	742	12	56	149	2,787
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	461	46	56	1,689	3,043
Dairy products	443	16	43	1,809	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	12,159	47	56	1,430	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	7,242	14	56	170	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	12	36	902	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	22	54	1,427	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	18	51	56	2,496	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	21,433	45	56	1,475	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	8,033	16	56	183	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	55	851	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	11	44	416	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	8	20	369	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	34,976	33	55	397	2,612
Hay crops-acres	18,557	48	56	1,104	3,061
Barley-acres	4,019	38	56	205	1,411
Oats-acres	809	35	56	755	2,332
Field seeds-acres	(D)	21	34	314	1,212

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 .....	32	26	23
\$10,000 or more .....	86	95	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,829	8,642	25
Average per farm .....dollars..	91,775	71,424	28
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,440	2,937	-17
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,674	24,274	-15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	84	88	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	33	33	
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	90	104	-13
Other .....	28	17	65
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	111	117	-5
Female .....	7	4	75
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	117	121	-3
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	54.6	55.9	-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.