

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



BIG HORN MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 3,002,378 acres in 1992 to 2,770,118 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 6,190 acres in 1992 to 5,227 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 370 farms in 1992 to 357 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

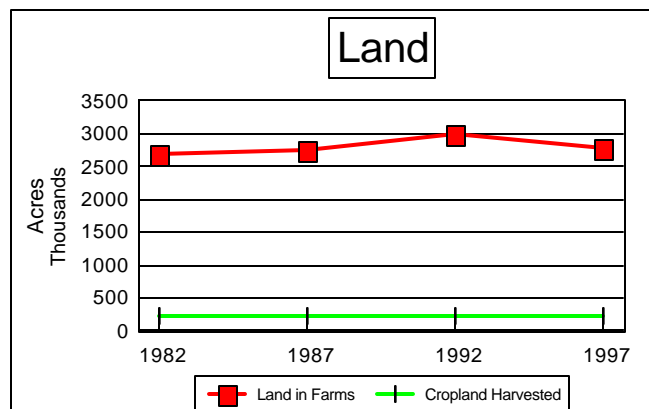
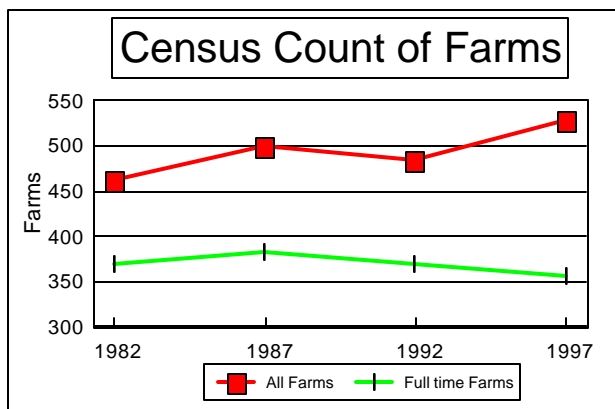
Decreased 34 percent to \$61,126,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 39 percent from \$190,548 in 1992 to \$115,332 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	61,126	7	56	964	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	33,618	5	56	796	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	27,508	15	56	1,016	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	32,490	4	56	220	3,063
Wheat	15,703	16	54	119	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	6,773	4	43	181	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,653	12	56	267	3,043
Barley	1,787	17	54	99	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	67,817	4	56	187	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	21	54	1,411	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	12	36	574	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	2,064	37	56	461	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	171	16	56	449	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	91,216	4	56	175	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,958	15	56	1,196	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,854	37	56	403	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,307	9	56	163	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	16	44	261	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	137,631	19	55	121	2,612
Hay crops-acres	64,535	11	56	150	3,061
Barley-acres	13,310	22	56	108	1,411
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	7,912	3	13	48	199
Field seeds-acres	3,239	2	34	71	1,212

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	157	127	24
\$10,000 or more	373	358	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	47,933	67,054	-29
Average per farmdollars..	90,440	138,542	-35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,842	28,442	-55
Average per farmdollars..	24,231	58,763	-59
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	405	374	8
Partnership or corporation	108	100	8
Other	17	11	55
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	357	370	-4
Other	173	115	50
Operators by sex:			
Male	475	443	7
Female	55	42	31
Operators by race:			
White	446	435	3
Black and other races	84	50	68
Average age of operator	53.5	52.9	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.