

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



GRANITE MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 23 percent from 349,938 acres in 1992 to 268,413 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 2,536 acres in 1992 to 2,294 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 107 farms in 1992 to 91 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

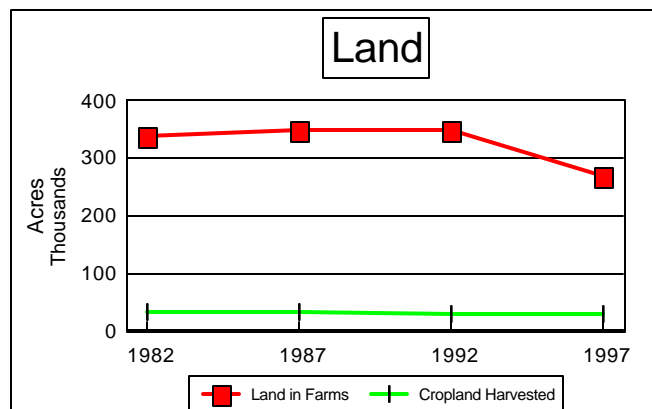
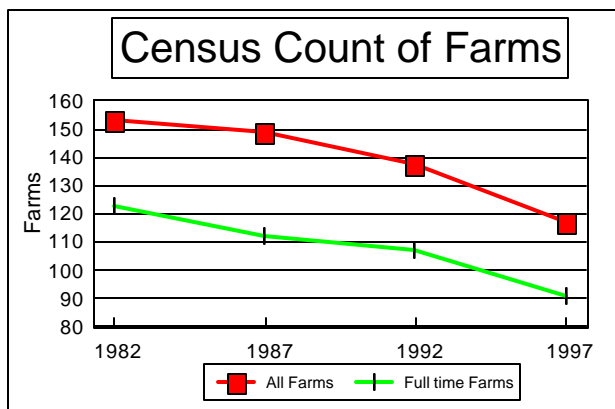
Decreased 4 percent to \$9,642,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$73,081 in 1992 to \$82,412 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 | 9,642 | 49 | 56 | 2,523 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 8,200 | 43 | 56 | 2,022 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 1,442 | 52 | 56 | 2,616 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 8,064 | 39 | 56 | 1,072 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 1,099 | 30 | 56 | 845 | 3,043 |
| Barley | 270 | 41 | 54 | 241 | 1,167 |
| Horses and ponies | 76 | 36 | 56 | 1,604 | 3,015 |
| Wheat | 73 | 53 | 54 | 1,833 | 2,578 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 16,016 | 40 | 56 | 1,187 | 3,063 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 14 | 36 | 666 | 2,200 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 401 | 51 | 56 | 1,372 | 2,765 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 34 | 47 | 56 | 2,029 | 3,015 |
| Turkeys sold | (D) | 15 | 26 | 959 | 1,353 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 25,094 | 40 | 56 | 1,315 | 3,064 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 676 | 42 | 56 | 1,191 | 3,066 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 361 | 51 | 56 | 1,576 | 2,864 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory | (D) | 24 | 53 | 1,430 | 2,884 |
| All goat inventory | (D) | 14 | 51 | 1,758 | 2,983 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 28,515 | 39 | 56 | 713 | 3,061 |
| Barley-acres | 1,701 | 49 | 56 | 296 | 1,411 |
| Wheat-acres | (D) | 53 | 55 | 1,833 | 2,612 |
| Oats-acres | 172 | 50 | 56 | 1,442 | 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 | 32 | 41 | -22 |
| \$10,000 or more | 85 | 97 | -12 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 7,882 | 7,768 | 1 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 67,366 | 56,287 | 20 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 1,758 | 2,239 | -21 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 15,024 | 16,224 | -7 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 85 | 99 | -14 |
| Partnership or corporation | 32 | 38 | -16 |
| Other | - | 1 | -100 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 91 | 107 | -15 |
| Other | 26 | 31 | -16 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 103 | 126 | -18 |
| Female | 14 | 12 | 17 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 117 | 138 | -15 |
| Black and other races | | | |
| Average age of operator | 55.6 | 55.7 | -0 |

(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.