

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 1,644,001 acres in 1992 to 1,642,562 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 2,565 acres in 1992 to 2,374 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 499 farms in 1992 to 496 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

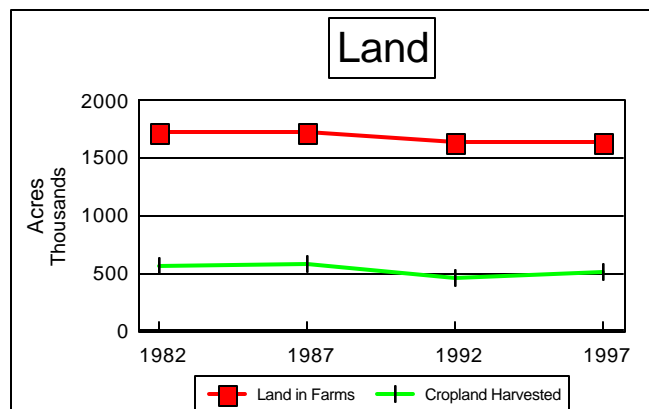
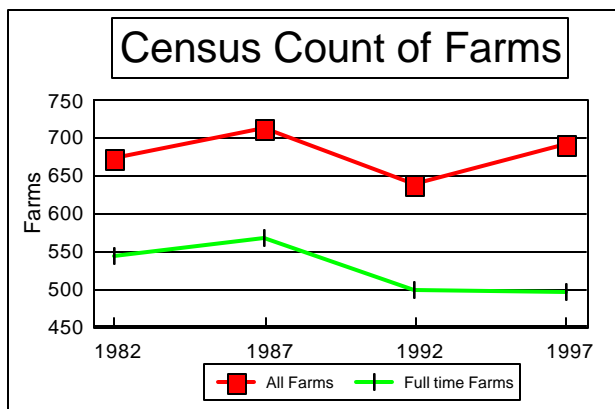
Increased 62 percent to \$67,060,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 50 percent from \$64,611 in 1992 to \$96,907 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	67,060	5	56	870	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	55,418	2	56	466	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,641	36	56	1,744	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Wheat	51,417	2	54	8	2,578
Cattle and calves	8,647	38	56	1,011	3,063
Hogs and pigs	2,020	6	54	805	2,976
Barley	1,876	16	54	98	1,167
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	821	4	43	324	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	18,846	6	54	829	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,225	37	56	1,075	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	8	36	821	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	36	482	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,076	7	26	820	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	30,158	37	56	1,124	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	8	55	770	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,870	7	56	815	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	8	44	409	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	7	20	367	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	462,910	2	55	5	2,612
Barley-acres	28,476	10	56	55	1,411
Hay crops-acres	24,504	43	56	834	3,061
Lentils-acres	3,924	1	23	6	63
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	1,954	8	24	41	208

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 .....	197	137	44
\$10,000 or more .....	495	504	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	49,508	39,209	26
Average per farm .....dollars..	71,543	61,073	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	14,992	2,108	611
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,665	3,283	560
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	405	427	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	276	205	35
Other .....	11	9	22
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	496	499	-1
Other .....	196	142	38
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	647	614	5
Female .....	45	27	67
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	675	617	9
Black and other races .....	17	24	-29
Average age of operator .....	52.1	50.6	3

(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.