

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



JEFFERSON MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 367,482 acres in 1992 to 364,153 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 1,557 acres in 1992 to 1,369 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 125 farms in 1992 to 128 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

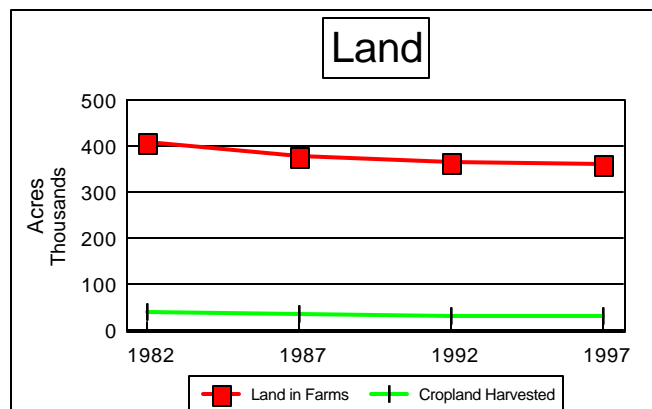
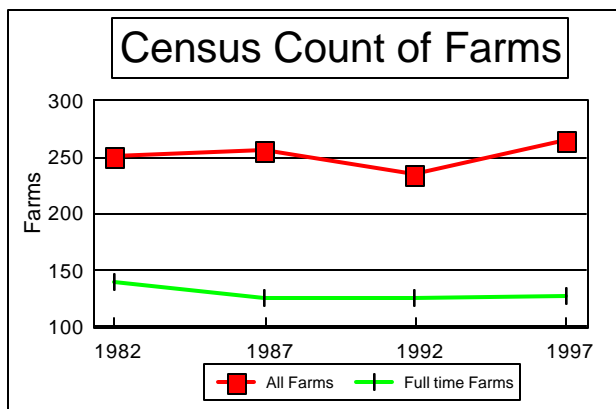
Decreased 16 percent to \$8,565,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 26 percent from \$43,228 in 1992 to \$32,198 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	8,565	51	56	2,582	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,605	49	56	2,178	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,960	51	56	2,521	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	5,916	47	56	1,330	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	752	40	56	1,224	3,043
Wheat	607	47	54	1,130	2,578
Hogs and pigs	320	21	54	1,396	2,976
Barley	272	40	54	240	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,228	46	56	1,428	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	36	311	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	2,707	23	54	1,449	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,274	43	56	689	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	111	22	56	822	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	21,535	44	56	1,473	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,996	23	56	1,352	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,210	42	56	812	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,057	28	56	671	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	644	12	53	893	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	24,533	42	56	833	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,226	47	55	1,040	2,612
Barley-acres	2,853	45	56	237	1,411
Oats-acres	599	40	56	888	2,332
Potatoes-acres	(D)	11	35	396	1,733

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	168	130	29
\$10,000 or more	98	106	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,448	7,127	19
Average per farmdollars..	31,759	30,198	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	909	1,763	-48
Average per farmdollars..	3,416	7,471	-54
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	217	186	17
Partnership or corporation	46	49	-6
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	128	125	2
Other	138	111	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	224	223	0
Female	42	13	223
Operators by race:			
White	264	232	14
Black and other races	2	4	-50
Average age of operator	54.1	52.4	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.