

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



JUDITH BASIN MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 868,064 acres in 1992 to 834,711 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 2,647 acres in 1992 to 2,537 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 268 farms in 1992 to 265 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

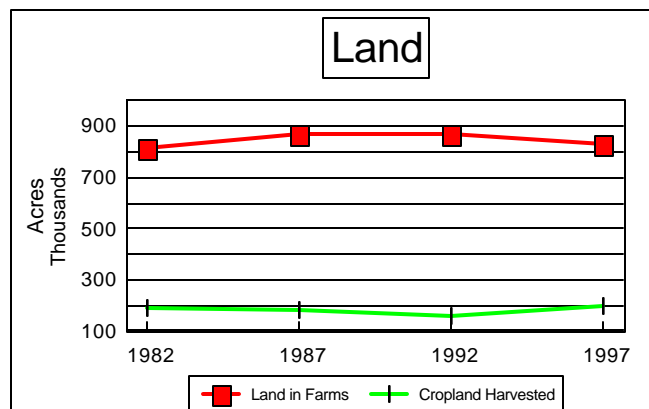
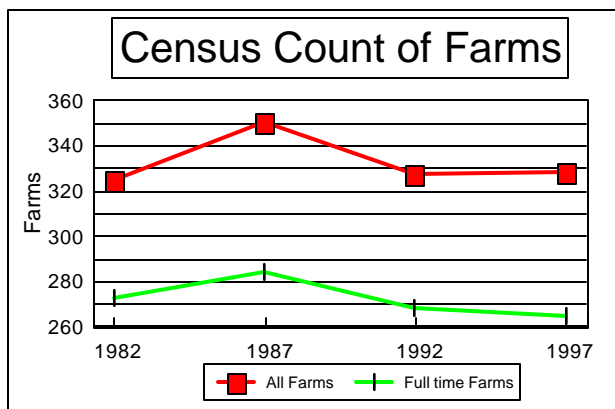
Increased 18 percent to \$37,595,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$96,785 in 1992 to \$114,269 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	37,595	21	56	1,501	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,127	15	56	1,104	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,468	25	56	1,501	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	20,898	13	56	380	3,063
Wheat	8,076	23	54	261	2,578
Barley	4,905	9	54	49	1,167
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	28	56	741	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	680	13	56	163	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	40,453	14	56	408	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	7,516	13	56	164	2,765
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	6	9	91	191
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	8	26	822	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	25	54	1,556	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	64,397	14	56	401	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,666	12	56	154	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	8	44	170	2,588
Broiler inventory	(D)	7	47	678	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	14	55	928	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	75,674	6	56	95	3,061
Wheat-acres	74,860	22	55	243	2,612
Barley-acres	50,356	8	56	34	1,411
Oats-acres	2,325	7	56	302	2,332
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	378	16	24	85	208

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	64	74	-14
\$10,000 or more	265	254	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	28,508	24,672	16
Average per farmdollars..	86,650	75,219	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,867	6,019	81
Average per farmdollars..	33,029	18,350	80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	252	261	-3
Partnership or corporation	69	59	17
Other	8	8	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	265	268	-1
Other	64	60	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	302	303	-0
Female	27	25	8
Operators by race:			
White	329	328	0
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.4	51.3	4

(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.