

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



LAKE MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 631,377 acres in 1992 to 596,726 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 666 acres in 1992 to 590 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 522 farms in 1992 to 526 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

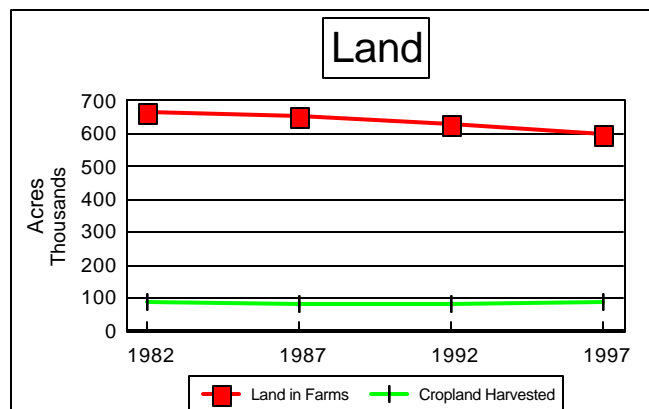
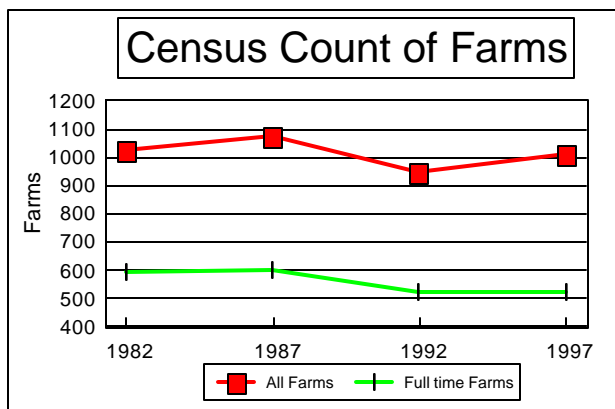
Increased 2 percent to \$37,543,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$38,686 in 1992 to \$37,134 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	37,543	22	56	1,503	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,485	19	56	1,170	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	16,058	23	56	1,436	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	14,871	23	56	607	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	6,616	5	43	186	2,237
Wheat	4,652	27	54	391	2,578
Dairy products	3,423	3	43	803	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,308	16	56	325	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	31,624	22	56	593	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	9	47	191
Hogs and pigs sold	6,670	14	54	1,143	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	4,004	29	56	283	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	676	1	56	51	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	55,216	21	56	521	3,064
Mink inventory	(D)	1	10	53	239
Colony of bees inventory	4,652	7	44	129	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,357	32	56	288	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	3,147	2	56	74	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	55,736	18	56	213	3,061
Wheat-acres	23,934	36	55	480	2,612
Barley-acres	4,485	36	56	195	1,411
Potatoes-acres	2,968	2	35	85	1,733
Oats-acres	1,789	13	56	400	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	513	487	5
\$10,000 or more	498	461	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,444	29,991	8
Average per farmdollars..	32,123	31,603	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,236	6,991	-39
Average per farmdollars..	4,194	7,367	-43
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	890	825	8
Partnership or corporation	101	114	-11
Other	20	9	122
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	526	522	1
Other	485	426	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	905	883	2
Female	106	65	63
Operators by race:			
White	930	886	5
Black and other races	81	62	31
Average age of operator	55.0	54.9	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.