

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 883,479 acres in 1992 to 822,066 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 19 percent from 2,017 acres in 1992 to 1,638 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 207 farms in 1992 to 211 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

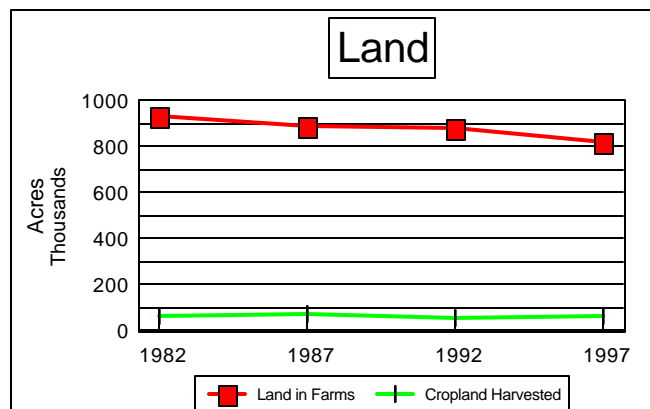
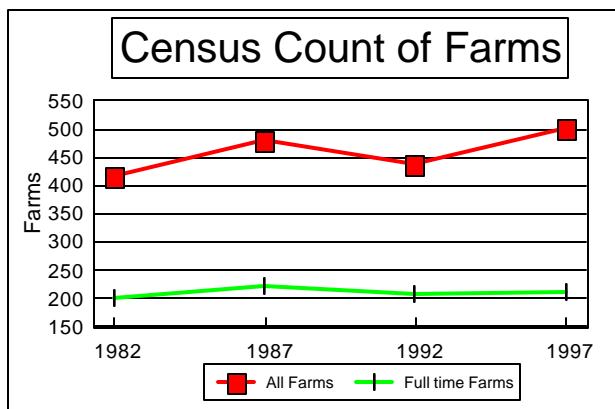
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 13 percent from \$43,607 in 1992 to \$37,842 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	18,997	42	56	2,147	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,263	34	56	1,684	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,734	33	56	1,971	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	10,499	35	56	858	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,614	13	56	274	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,067	4	39	689	2,790
Wheat	1,164	44	54	858	2,578
Barley	801	29	54	150	1,167
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	21,917	34	56	902	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	36	838	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	3,616	33	56	313	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	3,059	20	54	1,405	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,558	13	36	652	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,399	27	56	713	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	10	55	785	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,767	29	56	266	2,864
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	9	44	411	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	16	56	1,198	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	44,020	31	56	352	3,061
Wheat-acres	11,005	41	55	734	2,612
Barley-acres	9,054	28	56	141	1,411
Oats-acres	422	44	56	1,066	2,332
Dry edible peas-acres	(D)	24	28	144	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 .....	329	257	28
\$10,000 or more .....	173	181	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,148	16,138	0
Average per farm .....dollars..	32,166	36,929	-13
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,378	3,470	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,729	7,941	-15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	440	376	17
Partnership or corporation .....	57	61	-7
Other .....	5	1	400
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	211	207	2
Other .....	291	231	26
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	436	378	15
Female .....	66	60	10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	494	436	13
Black and other races .....	8	2	300
Average age of operator .....	54.6	54.1	1

(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.