

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



LIBERTY MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 951,780 acres in 1992 to 915,451 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 3,474 acres in 1992 to 3,269 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 253 farms in 1992 to 244 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

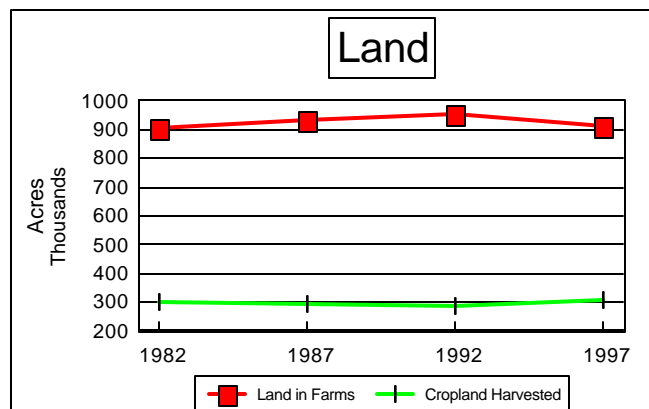
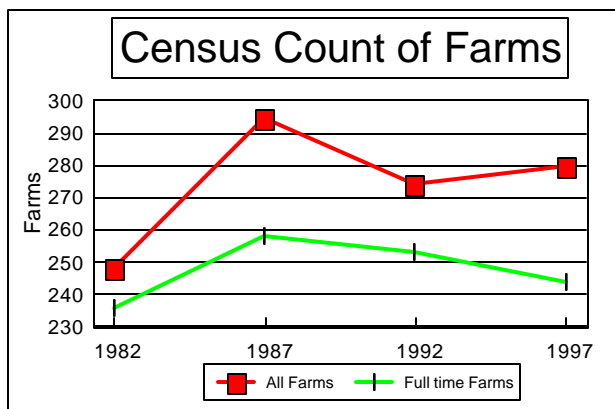
Increased 25 percent to \$38,479,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 22 percent from \$112,258 in 1992 to \$137,423 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	38,479	19	56	1,480	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	29,291	12	56	955	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,187	39	56	1,916	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	25,298	6	54	46	2,578
Cattle and calves	4,645	51	56	1,507	3,063
Hogs and pigs	3,162	3	54	680	2,976
Barley	1,758	18	54	100	1,167
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,384	16	43	423	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	25,500	2	26	668	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	25,289	4	54	750	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	21,723	6	36	772	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,154	52	56	1,681	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	7	36	345	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	28,478	5	55	694	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	18,200	1	44	352	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	17,599	2	56	634	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	16,488	50	56	1,727	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	3	47	628	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	265,044	6	55	29	2,612
Barley-acres	26,487	11	56	61	1,411
Hay crops-acres	11,954	53	56	1,510	3,061
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	3,371	1	24	29	208
Lentils-acres	2,252	2	23	11	63

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	44	35	26
\$10,000 or more	236	239	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	33,012	26,579	24
Average per farmdollars..	117,900	97,002	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,134	5,931	-30
Average per farmdollars..	14,764	21,645	-32
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	122	125	-2
Partnership or corporation	154	145	6
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	244	253	-4
Other	36	21	71
Operators by sex:			
Male	262	255	3
Female	18	19	-5
Operators by race:			
White	280	274	2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.5	50.6	6

(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.