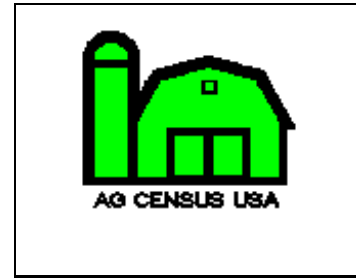


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BLAINE MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 2,338,866 acres in 1992 to 2,257,722 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 4,550 acres in 1992 to 4,173 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 409 farms in 1992 to 405 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

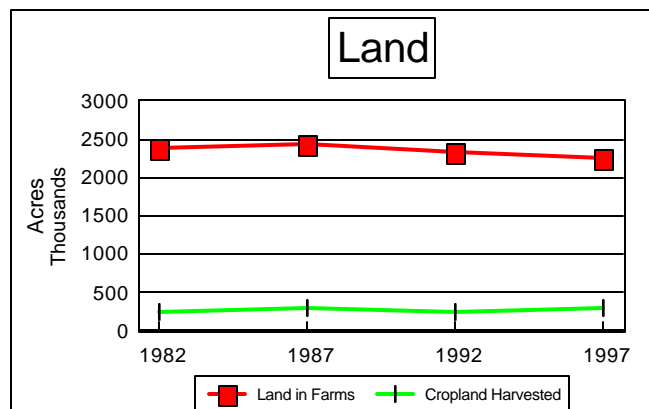
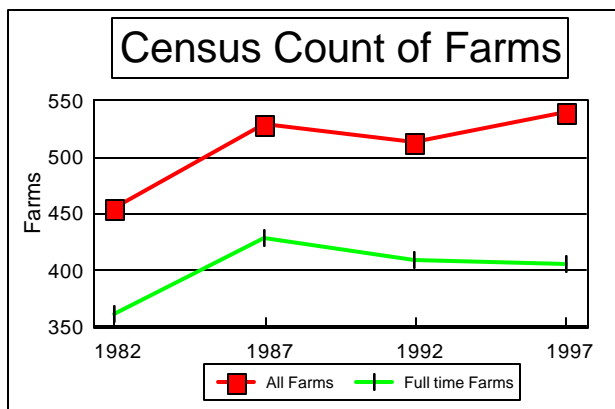
Increased 13 percent to \$47,937,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$82,760 in 1992 to \$88,609 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	47,937	12	56	1,241	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,545	17	56	1,075	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	22,393	16	56	1,136	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	20,259	12	54	74	2,578
Cattle and calves	20,220	15	56	397	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,448	15	56	303	3,043
Barley	2,095	14	54	91	1,167
Hogs and pigs	856	10	54	1,057	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	42,883	13	56	372	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,662	11	54	1,093	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	6,958	15	56	175	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	110	23	56	829	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	25	36	1,373	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	72,556	10	56	297	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,476	19	56	195	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	5	44	115	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,655	11	56	1,036	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	12	55	900	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	209,493	9	55	52	2,612
Hay crops-acres	68,602	10	56	128	3,061
Barley-acres	20,596	12	56	72	1,411
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	2,460	4	24	34	208
Oats-acres	1,997	11	56	367	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	162	121	34
\$10,000 or more	379	393	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,708	33,735	15
Average per farmdollars..	71,418	65,504	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,169	8,533	7
Average per farmdollars..	16,916	16,569	2
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	404	409	-1
Partnership or corporation	120	96	25
Other	17	9	89
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	405	409	-1
Other	136	105	30
Operators by sex:			
Male	491	476	3
Female	50	38	32
Operators by race:			
White	483	469	3
Black and other races	58	45	29
Average age of operator	53.5	51.7	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.