

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



MEAGHER MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 912,154 acres in 1992 to 940,071 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 6,807 acres in 1992 to 6,620 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 105 farms in 1992 to 108 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

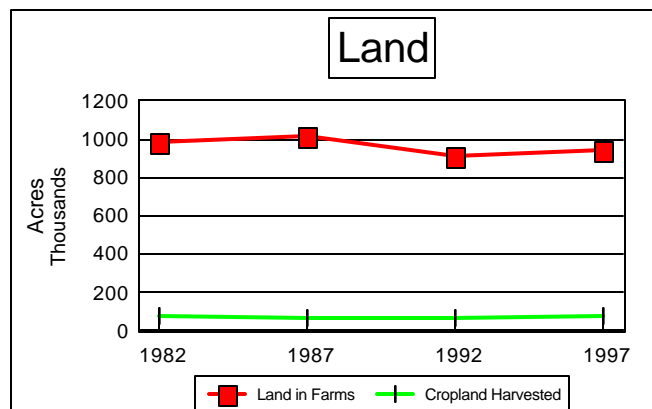
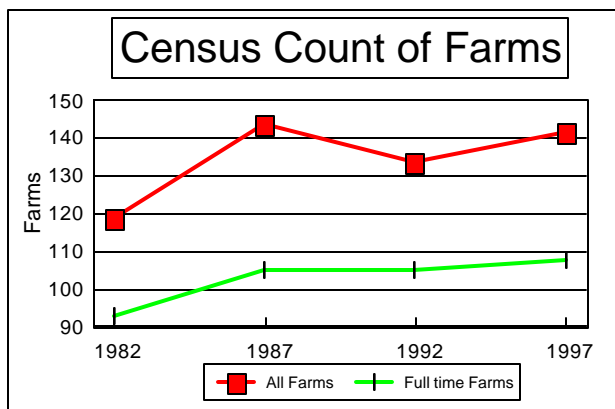
Increased 25 percent to \$22,898,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$137,209 in 1992 to \$161,251 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	22,898	35	56	1,996	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,721	23	56	1,315	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,177	44	56	2,216	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	16,441	21	56	530	3,063
Barley	2,080	15	54	92	1,167
Hogs and pigs	(D)	9	54	941	2,976
Wheat	1,293	42	54	810	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	750	41	56	1,226	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	32,025	21	56	581	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	36	825	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	9	54	1,019	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	5,412	21	56	221	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	46	42	56	1,748	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	58,960	18	56	474	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	9	55	776	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	9	56	974	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,608	25	56	236	2,864
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	7	44	405	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	46,056	25	56	326	3,061
Barley-acres	19,619	13	56	76	1,411
Wheat-acres	8,830	44	55	813	2,612
Oats-acres	1,149	24	56	581	2,332
Dry edible peas-acres	(D)	26	28	158	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	45	33	36
\$10,000 or more	97	101	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,312	14,943	23
Average per farmdollars..	128,957	111,512	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,640	3,477	33
Average per farmdollars..	32,677	25,945	26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	101	94	7
Partnership or corporation	38	37	3
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	108	105	3
Other	34	29	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	127	122	4
Female	15	12	25
Operators by race:			
White	139	134	4
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	54.4	54.4	

(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.