

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



MINERAL MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 19,158 acres in 1992 to 16,329 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 286 acres in 1992 to 230 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 25 percent from 32 farms in 1992 to 40 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

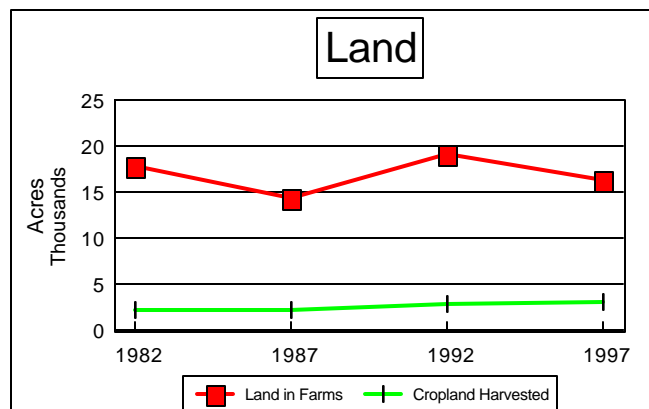
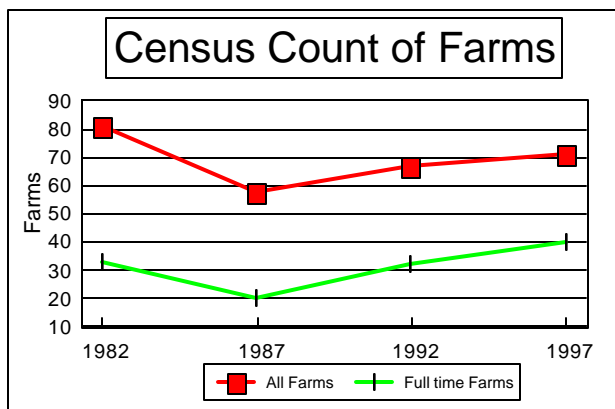
Increased 22 percent to \$1,183,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$14,525 in 1992 to \$16,662 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	1,183	56	56	2,996	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	886	56	56	2,897	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	297	55	56	2,952	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Mink or their pelts	454	2	9	53	191
Cattle and calves	256	56	56	2,889	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	171	55	56	2,449	3,043
Horses and ponies	154	21	56	1,016	3,015
Wheat	107	52	54	1,720	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Mink and their pelts sold	12,255	3	9	55	191
Cattle and calves sold	544	56	56	2,917	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	148	54	56	1,854	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	95	26	56	974	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	51	54	2,752	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Mink inventory	3,370	3	10	70	239
Cattle and calves inventory	1,062	56	56	2,930	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	387	47	56	1,920	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	128	56	56	2,063	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	26	51	56	2,809	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,402	56	56	2,649	3,061
Wheat-acres	710	52	55	1,776	2,612
Barley-acres	(D)	54	56	909	1,411
Oats-acres	78	53	56	1,746	2,332
All nursery-acres	(D)	15	24	2,075	2,619

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	49	44	11
\$10,000 or more	22	23	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,202	963	25
Average per farmdollars..	16,933	14,380	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(19)	10	-290
Average per farmdollars..	(271)	145	-287
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	62	58	7
Partnership or corporation	9	8	13
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	40	32	25
Other	31	35	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	64	59	8
Female	7	8	-13
Operators by race:			
White	71	67	6
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.4	55.1	-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.