

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



MUSSELSHELL MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 1,031,872 acres in 1992 to 952,670 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 4,079 acres in 1992 to 4,106 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 166 farms in 1992 to 149 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

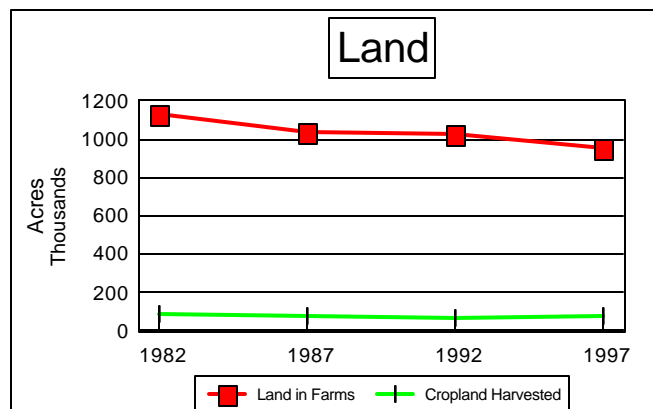
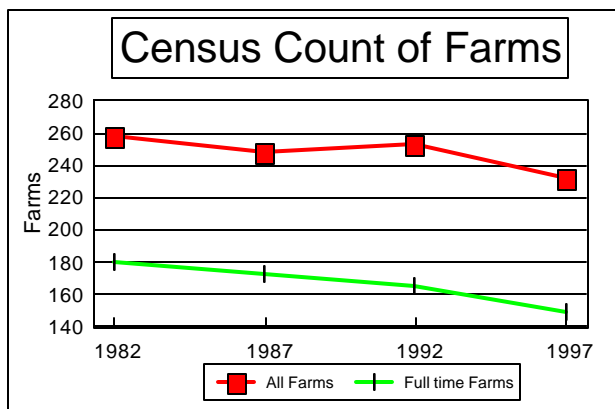
Increased 24 percent to \$17,441,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$55,775 in 1992 to \$75,176 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	17,441	45	56	2,205	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,801	35	56	1,728	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,640	39	56	2,066	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,068	33	56	820	3,063
Wheat	4,386	30	54	412	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	763	39	56	1,209	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	630	15	56	175	2,787
Barley	221	42	54	255	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,662	32	56	866	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	6,905	16	56	179	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	108	46	54	2,554	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	63	36	56	1,395	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	36	1,990	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	35,509	33	56	944	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	10,658	10	56	138	2,864
Broiler inventory	(D)	12	47	788	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	805	37	56	985	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	15	53	972	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	44,043	30	55	334	2,612
Hay crops-acres	27,079	41	56	746	3,061
Barley-acres	3,974	40	56	209	1,411
Oats-acres	798	36	56	761	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	432	13	30	1,498	2,473

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	108	109	-1
\$10,000 or more	124	144	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,743	12,250	20
Average per farmdollars..	63,547	48,420	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,084	1,028	103
Average per farmdollars..	8,981	4,065	121
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	180	198	-9
Partnership or corporation	49	52	-6
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	149	166	-10
Other	83	87	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	208	221	-6
Female	24	32	-25
Operators by race:			
White	230	251	-8
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	53.8	52.4	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.