

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



PARK MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 777,803 acres in 1992 to 749,103 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 2,020 acres in 1992 to 1,784 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 250 farms in 1992 to 256 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

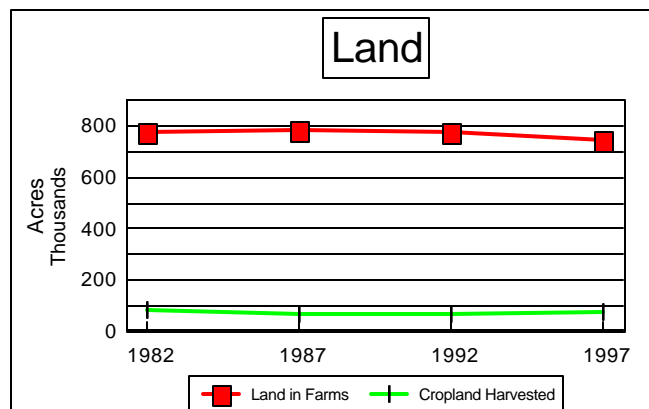
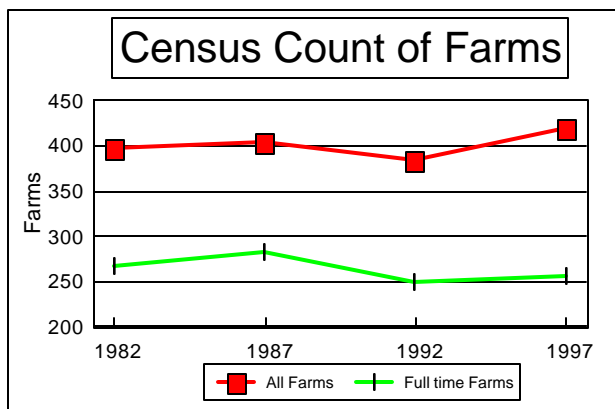
Increased 4 percent to \$20,457,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 5 percent from \$51,155 in 1992 to \$48,708 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 | 20,457 | 38 | 56 | 2,085 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 14,286 | 31 | 56 | 1,558 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 6,172 | 37 | 56 | 2,025 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 12,767 | 29 | 56 | 708 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 3,718 | 6 | 56 | 178 | 3,043 |
| Wheat | 1,198 | 43 | 54 | 842 | 2,578 |
| Barley | 980 | 25 | 54 | 138 | 1,167 |
| All other livestock & products | (D) | 3 | 42 | 75 | 1,649 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 26,352 | 29 | 56 | 744 | 3,063 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 2,895 | 35 | 56 | 350 | 2,765 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 202 | 12 | 56 | 351 | 3,015 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 177 | 45 | 54 | 2,435 | 2,976 |
| All goats sold | (D) | 17 | 31 | 2,219 | 2,686 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 46,265 | 26 | 56 | 676 | 3,064 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 3,281 | 36 | 56 | 357 | 2,864 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 2,987 | 4 | 56 | 84 | 3,066 |
| Colony of bees inventory | (D) | 18 | 44 | 280 | 2,588 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 703 | 21 | 55 | 1,413 | 3,002 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 58,568 | 15 | 56 | 192 | 3,061 |
| Wheat-acres | 10,428 | 43 | 55 | 753 | 2,612 |
| Barley-acres | 7,811 | 29 | 56 | 151 | 1,411 |
| Oats-acres | 951 | 32 | 56 | 670 | 2,332 |
| Total canola and other rapeseed-acres | 478 | 15 | 24 | 79 | 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 | 188 | 154 | 22 |
| \$10,000 or more | 232 | 231 | |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 16,434 | 15,694 | 5 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 39,129 | 40,762 | -4 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 3,661 | 3,808 | -4 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 8,717 | 9,890 | -12 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 312 | 278 | 12 |
| Partnership or corporation | 102 | 99 | 3 |
| Other | 6 | 8 | -25 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 256 | 250 | 2 |
| Other | 164 | 135 | 21 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 370 | 354 | 5 |
| Female | 50 | 31 | 61 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 420 | 385 | 9 |
| Black and other races | | | |
| Average age of operator | 55.0 | 53.6 | 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.