

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 1,968,857 acres in 1992 to 1,977,811 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 4,110 acres in 1992 to 4,045 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 373 farms in 1992 to 369 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

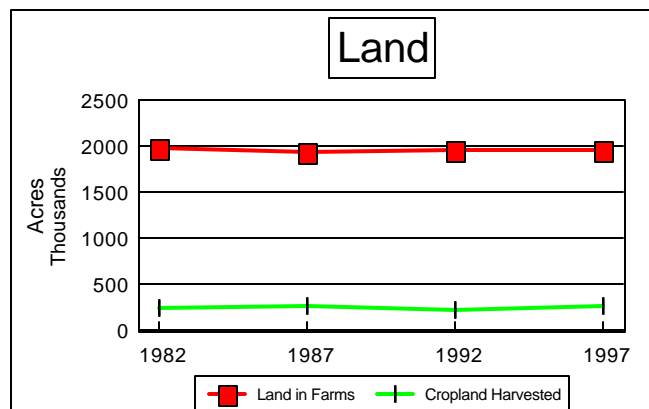
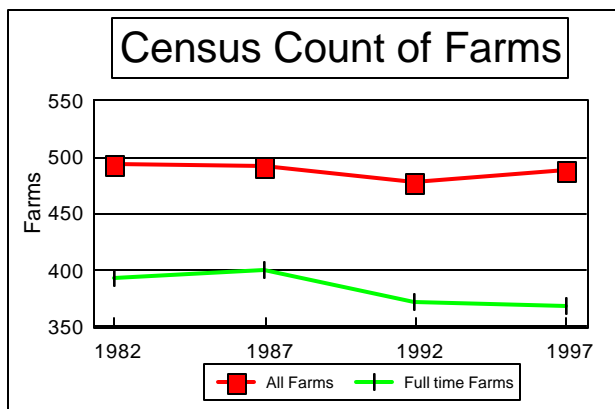
Decreased 9 percent to \$40,865,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 11 percent from \$93,685 in 1992 to \$83,569 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	40,865	16	56	1,412	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,611	12	56	1,045	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	16,254	22	56	1,431	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	23,296	9	56	339	3,063
Wheat	12,435	19	54	166	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,730	10	56	258	3,043
Barley	918	26	54	142	1,167
Sheep, lambs, and wool	605	17	56	178	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	50,222	7	56	287	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,575	12	54	1,094	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	6,825	17	56	181	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	15	36	681	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	10	26	1,068	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	77,307	8	56	260	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	10,154	11	56	145	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,900	13	56	1,098	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,388	7	53	400	2,884
Broiler inventory	(D)	9	47	708	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	165,013	16	55	93	2,612
Hay crops-acres	78,092	5	56	87	3,061
Barley-acres	19,603	14	56	77	1,411
Field seeds-acres	(D)	1	34	65	1,212
Oats-acres	2,150	8	56	333	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	128	121	6
\$10,000 or more	361	358	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,593	37,754	-6
Average per farmdollars..	72,788	78,818	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,646	8,063	-55
Average per farmdollars..	7,456	16,833	-56
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	365	357	2
Partnership or corporation	115	112	3
Other	9	10	-10
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	369	373	-1
Other	120	106	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	450	451	-0
Female	39	28	39
Operators by race:			
White	476	465	2
Black and other races	13	14	-7
Average age of operator	53.6	51.4	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.