

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



PONDERA MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 893,872 acres in 1992 to 878,426 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 1,931 acres in 1992 to 1,853 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 385 farms in 1992 to 374 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

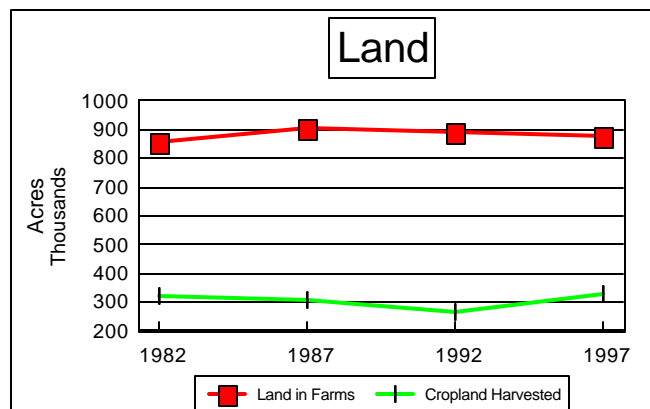
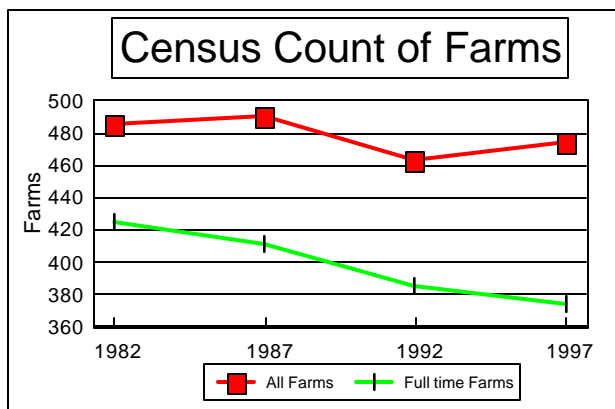
Increased 73 percent to \$57,683,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 69 percent from \$71,834 in 1992 to \$121,694 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	57,683	9	56	1,034	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	43,382	4	56	654	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,301	30	56	1,556	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	25,600	5	54	45	2,578
Barley	15,253	2	54	5	1,167
Cattle and calves	8,722	37	56	1,005	3,063
Hogs and pigs	3,565	2	54	642	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,877	20	56	438	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	33,826	2	54	661	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	33,700	2	36	699	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	17,258	39	56	1,132	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	3	26	681	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	3,883	32	56	290	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	51,320	1	55	578	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	27,790	39	56	1,205	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	17,500	3	56	638	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	44	368	2,549
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,556	18	56	191	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	189,395	12	55	70	2,612
Barley-acres	107,059	2	56	6	1,411
Hay crops-acres	31,771	36	56	630	3,061
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	3,210	2	24	31	208
Field seeds-acres	(D)	20	34	310	1,212

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	92	117	-21
\$10,000 or more	382	346	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,870	31,113	47
Average per farmdollars..	96,771	67,199	44
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,314	708	1781
Average per farmdollars..	28,088	1,530	1736
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	295	303	-3
Partnership or corporation	177	154	15
Other	2	6	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	374	385	-3
Other	100	78	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	447	436	3
Female	27	27	
Operators by race:			
White	436	445	-2
Black and other races	38	18	111
Average age of operator	50.8	49.4	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.