

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



## POWDER RIVER MONTANA

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 1,629,363 acres in 1992 to 1,559,222 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 5,523 acres in 1992 to 5,250 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 249 farms in 1992 to 244 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

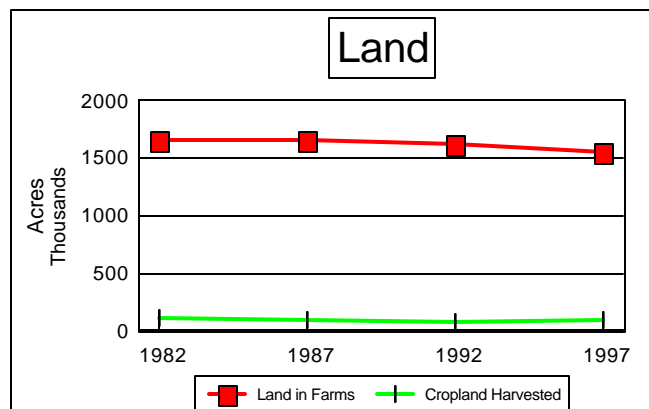
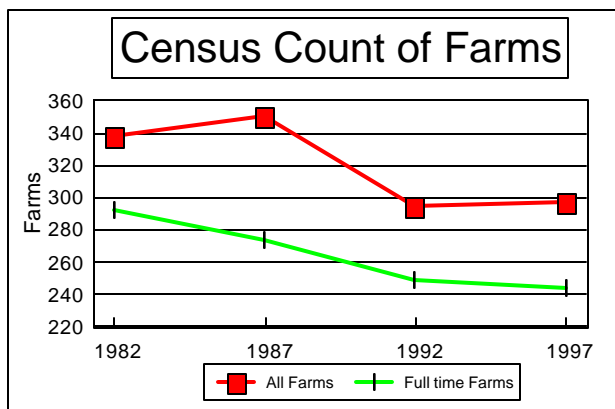
Increased 7 percent to \$27,293,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$86,857 in 1992 to \$91,895 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	27,293	30	56	1,842	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,154	13	56	1,068	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,139	46	56	2,351	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	22,202	11	56	354	3,063
Wheat	1,816	39	54	690	2,578
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1,656	3	56	72	2,787
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,244	27	56	727	3,043
Horses and ponies	125	24	56	1,180	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	45,182	10	56	345	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	18,343	3	56	75	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	103	24	56	890	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	52	54	2,873	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	19	31	2,353	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	71,603	11	56	307	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	20,205	4	56	79	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	15	44	254	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,155	23	56	594	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	305	42	55	2,051	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	74,354	7	56	103	3,061
Wheat-acres	26,696	35	55	454	2,612
Barley-acres	2,674	46	56	243	1,411
Field seeds-acres	1,295	5	34	127	1,212
Oats-acres	784	37	56	766	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	61	59	3
\$10,000 or more .....	236	236	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,922	19,406	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	67,076	65,782	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,536	5,756	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	25,374	19,511	30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	218	214	2
Partnership or corporation .....	77	76	1
Other .....	2	5	-60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	244	249	-2
Other .....	53	46	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	281	275	2
Female .....	16	20	-20
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	297	295	1
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	55.6	53.7	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.