

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



POWELL MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 675,569 acres in 1992 to 649,489 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 2,899 acres in 1992 to 2,824 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 142 farms in 1992 to 137 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

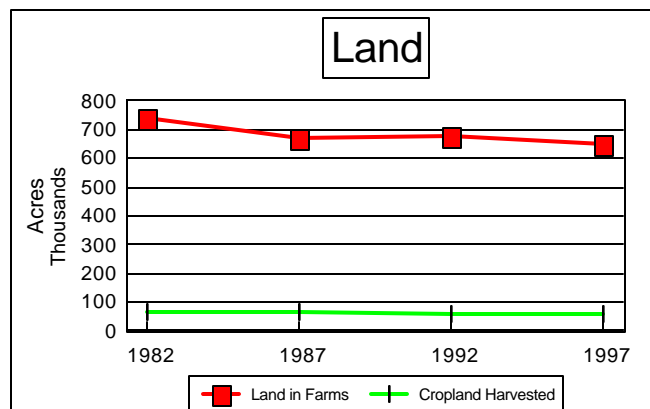
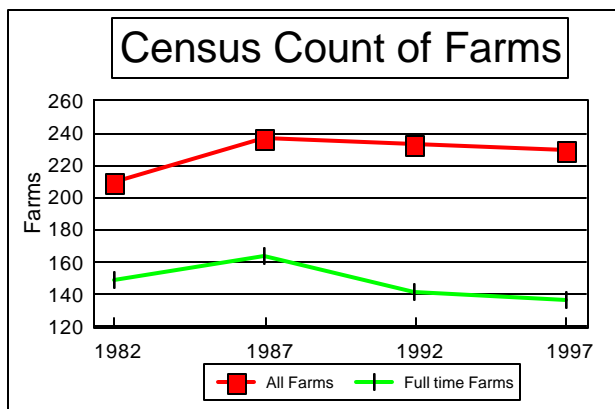
Decreased 2 percent to \$17,807,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$77,913 in 1992 to \$77,423 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	17,807	43	56	2,193	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	15,553	27	56	1,483	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,254	47	56	2,469	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	13,924	26	56	661	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,316	25	56	679	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	7	43	1,297	2,563
Barley	639	31	54	167	1,167
Wheat	260	51	54	1,437	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	28,767	24	56	669	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,584	41	56	573	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	731	34	54	1,914	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	44	44	56	1,786	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	36	1,895	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	52,391	23	56	564	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,476	41	56	698	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	28	44	432	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,121	24	56	627	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	442	35	56	1,922	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	54,636	19	56	223	3,061
Barley-acres	4,438	37	56	196	1,411
Wheat-acres	1,441	51	55	1,546	2,612
Oats-acres	959	31	56	668	2,332
All nursery-acres	(D)	8	24	1,130	2,619

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	88	100	-12
\$10,000 or more	142	133	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,454	14,786	-9
Average per farmdollars..	58,497	63,186	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,762	2,646	4
Average per farmdollars..	12,009	11,308	6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	170	188	-10
Partnership or corporation	53	39	36
Other	7	6	17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	137	142	-4
Other	93	91	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	210	212	-1
Female	20	21	-5
Operators by race:			
White	227	232	-2
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	53.7	52.8	2

(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.