

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



RAVALLI MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 24 percent from 241,655 acres in 1992 to 183,647 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 34 percent from 258 acres in 1992 to 170 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 462 farms in 1992 to 521 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

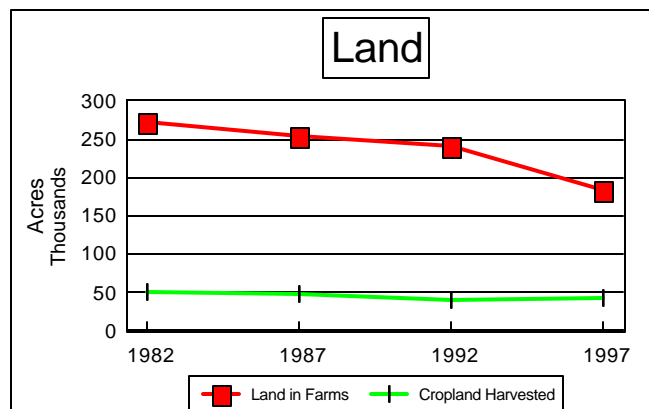
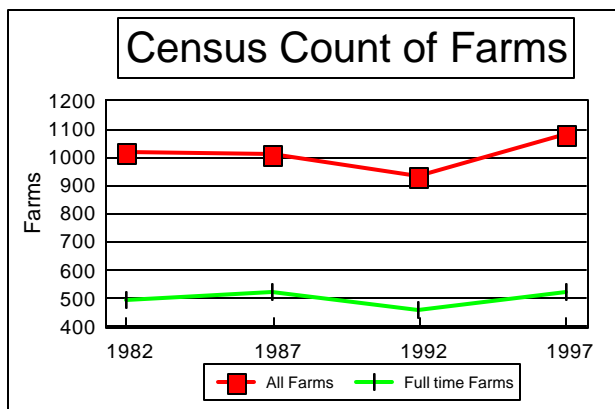
Increased 5 percent to \$23,949,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 9 percent from \$24,431 in 1992 to \$22,175 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	23,949	34	56	1,956	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,892	24	56	1,361	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,057	38	56	2,035	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	10,934	34	56	828	3,063
Dairy products	4,021	2	43	724	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,810	9	56	246	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,758	7	39	749	2,790
All other livestock & products	(D)	2	42	53	1,649
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	36	92	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	23,197	31	56	838	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	2	9	50	191
Sheep and lambs sold	3,895	31	56	289	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,330	29	54	1,723	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	37,234	31	56	893	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	13,214	1	44	30	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	53	198	2,884
Mink inventory	(D)	2	10	57	239
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,357	32	56	288	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	38,627	32	56	459	3,061
Barley-acres	2,587	47	56	246	1,411
Wheat-acres	1,898	50	55	1,446	2,612
Oats-acres	942	33	56	672	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	297	2	15	620	2,693

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	742	609	22
\$10,000 or more	338	328	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,923	19,986	10
Average per farmdollars..	20,299	21,307	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	544	1,982	-73
Average per farmdollars..	504	2,113	-76
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	975	857	14
Partnership or corporation	97	77	26
Other	8	3	167
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	521	462	13
Other	559	475	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	916	829	10
Female	164	108	52
Operators by race:			
White	1,068	930	15
Black and other races	12	7	71
Average age of operator	55.8	54.9	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.