

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



RICHLAND MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 1,197,028 acres in 1992 to 1,214,802 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 2,126 acres in 1992 to 2,127 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 440 farms in 1992 to 411 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

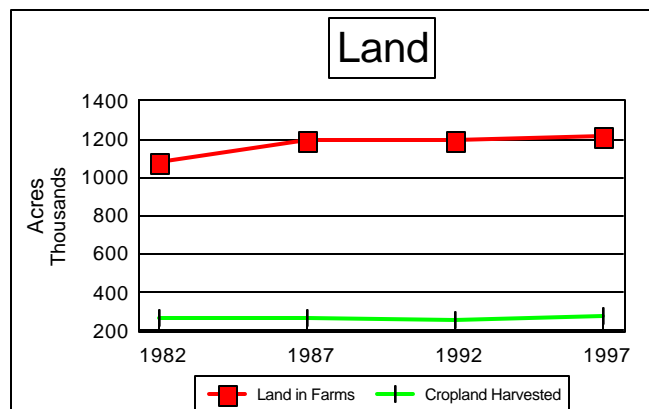
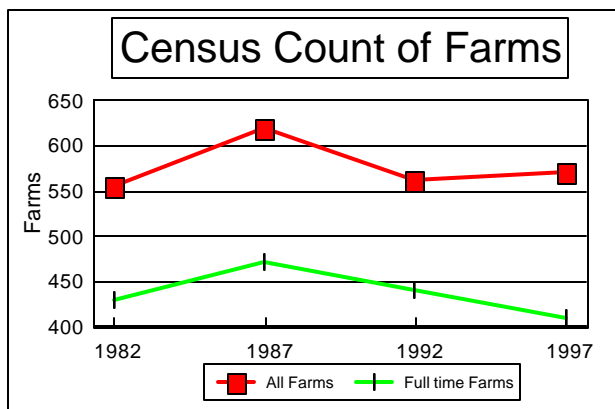
Decreased 2 percent to \$54,075,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 3 percent from \$97,760 in 1992 to \$94,702 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	54,075	11	56	1,105	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	35,171	5	56	817	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	18,904	22	56	1,306	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	17,373	19	56	491	3,063
Wheat	15,460	17	54	124	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	14,974	1	43	98	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,598	22	56	526	3,043
Barley	1,307	20	54	117	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	34,730	19	56	519	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,724	25	56	252	2,765
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	9	9	141	191
Hogs and pigs sold	360	41	54	2,199	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	36	1,350	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	56,202	20	56	506	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	2	44	52	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,956	23	56	225	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	944	16	55	1,231	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	904	34	56	854	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	181,702	13	55	73	2,612
Hay crops-acres	50,317	21	56	260	3,061
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	19,220	1	13	22	199
Barley-acres	15,949	18	56	91	1,411
Safflower-acres	5,887	1	14	10	104

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	149	140	6
\$10,000 or more	422	423	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	41,784	39,177	7
Average per farmdollars..	73,049	69,586	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,760	14,808	-21
Average per farmdollars..	20,560	26,302	-22
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	422	404	4
Partnership or corporation	142	154	-8
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	411	440	-7
Other	160	123	30
Operators by sex:			
Male	533	531	0
Female	38	32	19
Operators by race:			
White	567	560	1
Black and other races	4	3	33
Average age of operator	52.0	52.7	-1

(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.