

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



SANDERS MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 381,104 acres in 1992 to 409,965 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 1,095 acres in 1992 to 995 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 194 farms in 1992 to 218 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

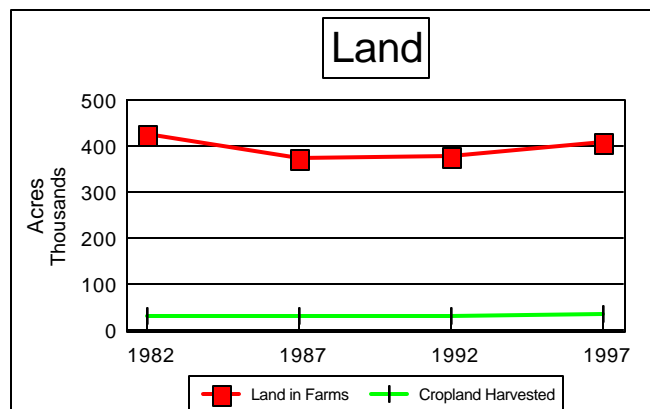
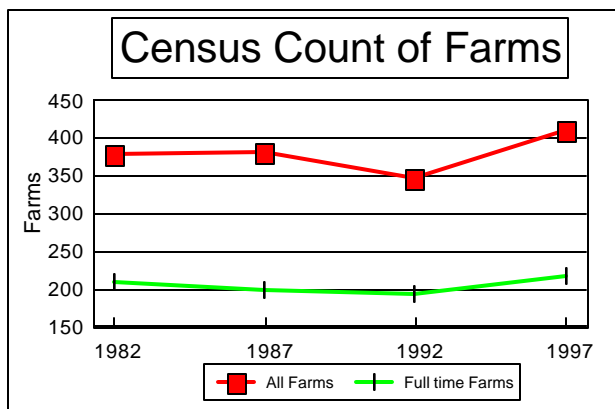
Decreased 4 percent to \$11,534,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$34,695 in 1992 to \$27,995 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	11,534	47	56	2,433	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,301	45	56	2,107	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,233	42	56	2,207	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	6,449	43	56	1,256	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	3	39	661	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,202	29	56	754	3,043
Wheat	382	48	54	1,292	2,578
Dairy products	(D)	21	43	1,935	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	13,419	43	56	1,339	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	36	282	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	220	52	56	1,676	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	4	15	786	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	70	49	54	2,648	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	21,123	46	56	1,492	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	53	278	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	9	44	185	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,103	26	56	643	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	642	24	55	1,481	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	31,021	38	56	650	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,940	49	55	1,280	2,612
Barley-acres	1,144	52	56	356	1,411
Oats-acres	389	45	56	1,098	2,332
Mint for oil-acres	(D)	2	5	44	77

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	239	186	28
\$10,000 or more	173	162	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,062	8,871	25
Average per farmdollars..	26,848	25,564	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	887	2,489	-64
Average per farmdollars..	2,154	7,172	-70
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	363	307	18
Partnership or corporation	44	39	13
Other	5	2	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	218	194	12
Other	194	154	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	353	302	17
Female	59	46	28
Operators by race:			
White	387	334	16
Black and other races	25	14	79
Average age of operator	54.4	54.9	-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.