

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



SHERIDAN MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 962,450 acres in 1992 to 1,001,193 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 1,830 acres in 1992 to 1,723 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 447 farms in 1992 to 441 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

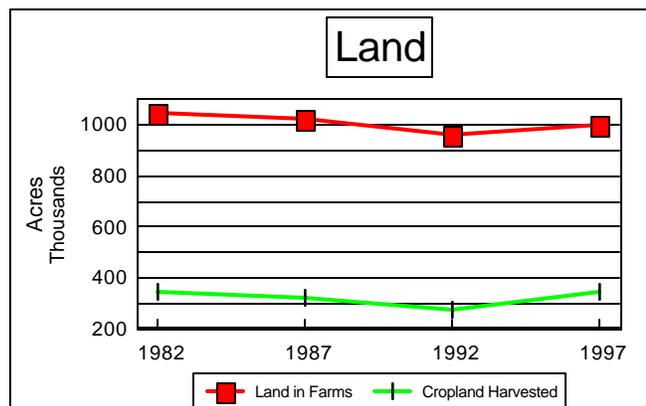
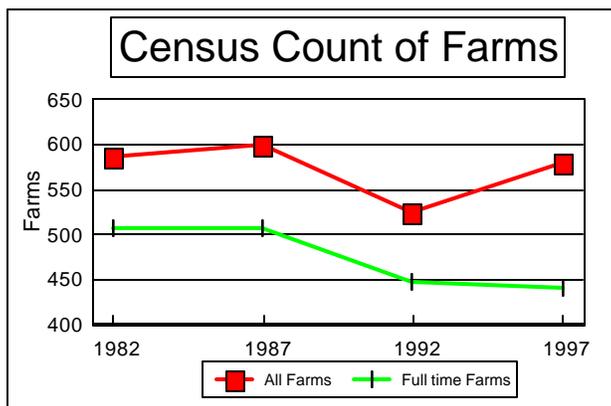
Increased 16 percent to \$35,949,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$58,958 in 1992 to \$61,874 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	35,949	23	56	1,546	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	28,957	13	56	968	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,992	47	56	2,135	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	27,108	4	54	38	2,578
Cattle and calves	6,128	45	56	1,291	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	35	56	1,037	3,043
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	493	9	43	412	1,971
Barley	408	36	54	205	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	72,825	1	36	75	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	14,029	41	56	1,296	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,436	24	54	1,484	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,989	38	56	479	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	33	48	56	2,063	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,528	43	56	1,423	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,272	39	56	487	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,483	25	56	1,454	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	352	49	56	2,029	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	231	26	53	1,484	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	299,692	4	55	23	2,612
Hay crops-acres	36,282	33	56	500	3,061
Barley-acres	7,374	31	56	159	1,411
Flaxseed-acres	2,153	1	11	21	105
Oats-acres	1,897	12	56	382	2,332

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	150	101	49
\$10,000 or more	431	425	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,573	23,258	10
Average per farmdollars..	44,016	44,216	-0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,653	8,850	-2
Average per farmdollars..	14,894	16,825	-11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	439	400	10
Partnership or corporation	134	124	8
Other	8	2	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	441	447	-1
Other	140	79	77
Operators by sex:			
Male	538	507	6
Female	43	19	126
Operators by race:			
White	577	525	10
Black and other races	4	1	300
Average age of operator	56.0	52.1	7

(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.