

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



SILVER BOW MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 99,746 acres in 1992 to 100,181 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 950 acres in 1992 to 864 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 45 farms in 1992 to 51 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

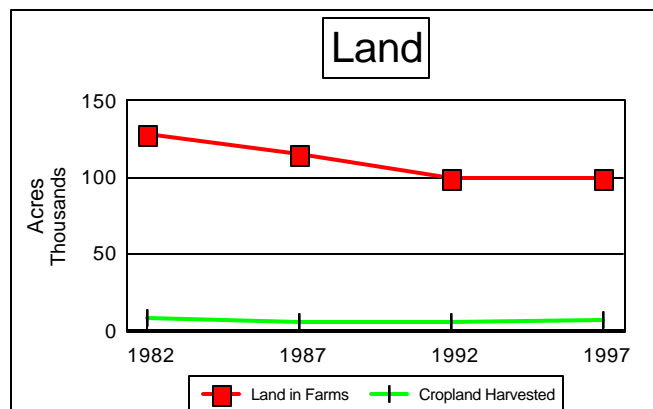
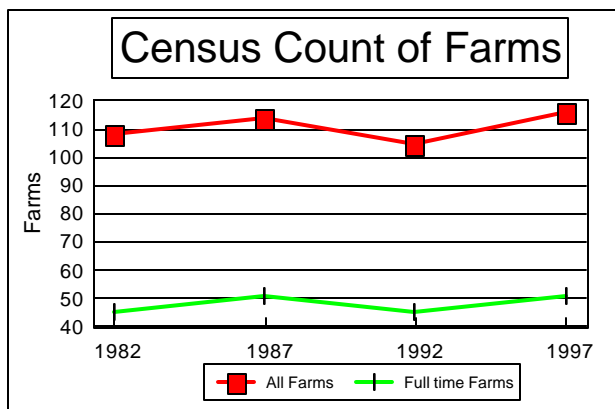
Increased 31 percent to \$3,238,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$23,585 in 1992 to \$27,910 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	3,238	55	56	2,867	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,010	54	56	2,588	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	227	56	56	2,974	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,875	54	56	1,886	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	147	56	56	2,513	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	20	39	2,120	2,790
Horses and ponies	68	38	56	1,712	3,015
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	47	56	1,023	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,920	54	56	2,017	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	771	45	56	969	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	88	48	54	2,595	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	45	43	56	1,770	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	8	15	1,325	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,326	54	56	2,208	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	733	48	56	1,164	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	620	44	56	1,296	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	147	31	53	1,768	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	134	47	55	2,514	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,321	55	56	1,983	3,061
Oats-acres	(D)	55	56	1,823	2,332
Barley-acres	(D)	55	56	1,084	1,411

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	73	70	4
\$10,000 or more	43	35	23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,149	1,885	14
Average per farmdollars..	18,530	17,783	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	829	490	69
Average per farmdollars..	7,148	4,622	55
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	98	89	10
Partnership or corporation	18	15	20
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	51	45	13
Other	65	60	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	102	93	10
Female	14	12	17
Operators by race:			
White	114	104	10
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	55.9	55.9	

(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.