

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



SWEET GRASS MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 837,904 acres in 1992 to 839,345 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 2,840 acres in 1992 to 2,789 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 215 farms in 1992 to 211 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

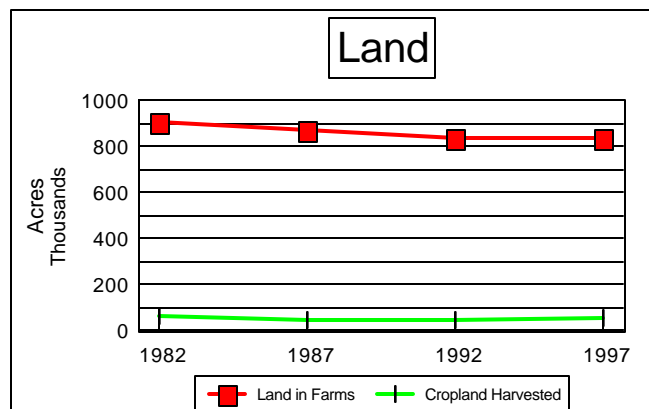
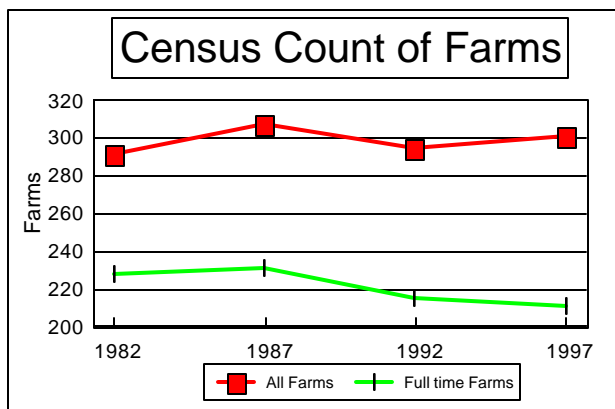
Increased 18 percent to \$21,345,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$61,111 in 1992 to \$70,914 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	21,345	37	56	2,051	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,329	21	56	1,278	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,016	50	56	2,513	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	17,315	20	56	496	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1,023	7	56	120	2,787
Wheat	915	45	54	948	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	836	37	56	1,113	3,043
Hogs and pigs	(D)	17	54	1,234	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	34,607	20	56	520	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	36	196	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	11,262	7	56	118	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	4,514	18	54	1,264	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	88	28	56	1,056	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	50,652	24	56	597	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	12,518	7	56	121	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	20	44	287	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,015	22	56	1,348	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,372	18	56	453	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	47,413	23	56	308	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,222	45	55	849	2,612
Barley-acres	2,877	44	56	235	1,411
Oats-acres	1,583	15	56	452	2,332
Field seeds-acres	(D)	31	34	800	1,212

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	101	93	9
\$10,000 or more	200	202	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,063	14,638	30
Average per farmdollars..	63,544	49,453	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,356	4,295	-45
Average per farmdollars..	7,853	14,510	-46
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	240	232	3
Partnership or corporation	57	61	-7
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	211	215	-2
Other	90	80	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	273	273	
Female	28	22	27
Operators by race:			
White	301	295	2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.4	51.8	5

(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.