

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



CARBON MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 23 percent from 598,694 acres in 1992 to 735,910 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 999 acres in 1992 to 1,181 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 435 farms in 1992 to 386 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

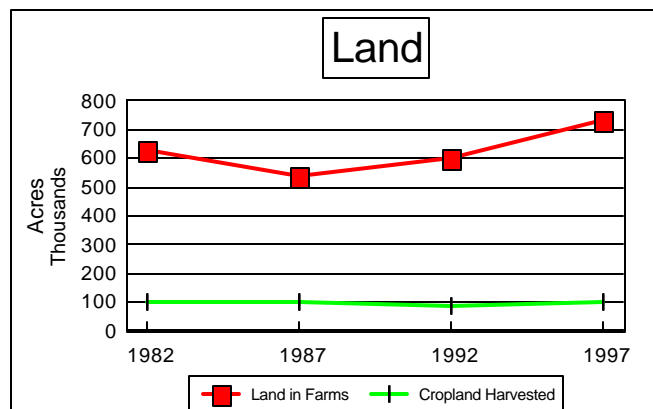
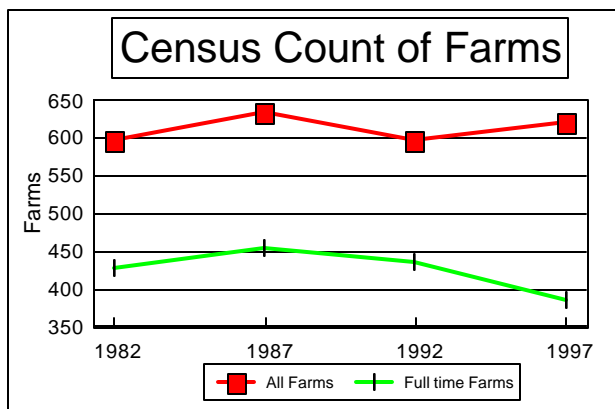
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 3 percent from \$72,608 in 1992 to \$70,257 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	43,770	15	56	1,338	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	28,216	7	56	931	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	15,554	24	56	1,454	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	26,710	7	56	275	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	5,092	7	43	225	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,760	2	56	119	3,043
Barley	2,508	11	54	77	1,167
Wheat	1,678	40	54	718	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	48,037	9	56	310	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	8,654	11	56	146	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	303	42	54	2,256	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	189	14	56	387	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	30	36	1,618	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	67,043	12	56	362	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	8,841	14	56	167	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,186	11	56	184	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	427	30	55	1,810	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	247	39	56	2,174	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	59,850	13	56	182	3,061
Wheat-acres	15,025	38	55	622	2,612
Barley-acres	11,134	24	56	124	1,411
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	6,681	4	13	53	199
Corn for silage-acres	3,306	4	30	450	2,473

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	223	195	14
\$10,000 or more	400	404	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	37,630	33,901	11
Average per farmdollars..	60,401	56,596	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,742	9,858	-32
Average per farmdollars..	10,822	16,457	-34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	519	506	3
Partnership or corporation	100	91	10
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	386	435	-11
Other	237	164	45
Operators by sex:			
Male	572	555	3
Female	51	44	16
Operators by race:			
White	622	594	5
Black and other races	1	5	-80
Average age of operator	53.7	53.0	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.