

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



TREASURE MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 599,014 acres in 1992 to 605,527 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 5,301 acres in 1992 to 5,505 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 93 farms in 1992 to 80 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

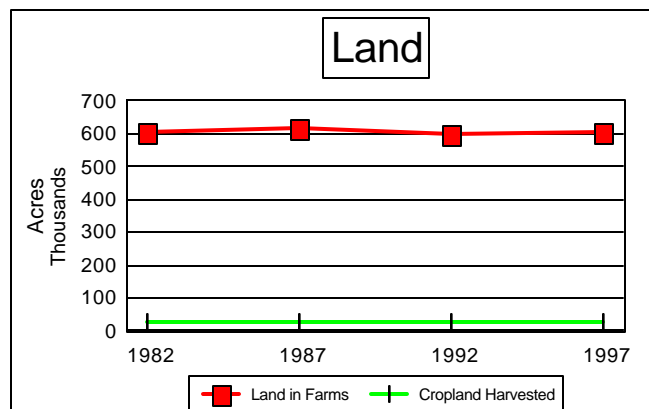
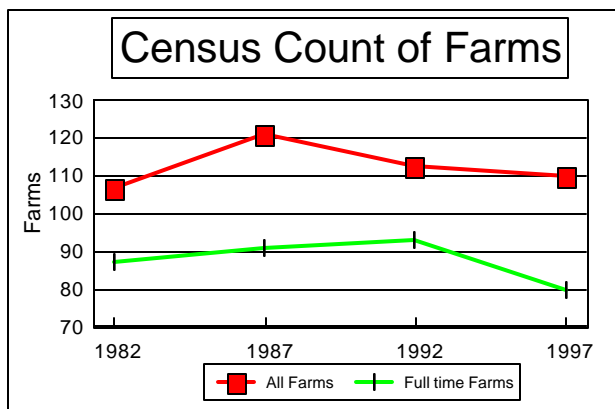
Decreased 7 percent to \$17,567,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$166,684 in 1992 to \$159,700 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	17,567	44	56	2,199	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,338	37	56	1,761	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,229	36	56	2,015	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,307	31	56	808	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,600	8	43	274	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,001	32	56	926	3,043
Wheat	906	46	54	953	2,578
Corn for grain	386	3	17	1,644	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	21,317	35	56	919	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	56	56	1,891	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	10	54	56	2,737	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	36	36	2,122	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,027	36	56	1,060	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	262	54	56	2,347	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	55	56	1,950	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	33	44	1,619	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	23	53	55	2,902	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,982	51	56	1,428	3,061
Wheat-acres	6,558	46	55	926	2,612
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	4,061	5	13	68	199
Corn for silage-acres	2,481	6	30	584	2,473
Barley-acres	1,932	48	56	281	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	30	24	25
\$10,000 or more	80	89	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,174	15,281	-7
Average per farmdollars..	128,855	135,227	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,265	3,780	-14
Average per farmdollars..	29,679	33,453	-11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	71	78	-9
Partnership or corporation	35	33	6
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	80	93	-14
Other	30	20	50
Operators by sex:			
Male	105	103	2
Female	5	10	-50
Operators by race:			
White	109	111	-2
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	52.2	51.1	2

(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.