

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



WHEATLAND MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 850,599 acres in 1992 to 833,757 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 5,826 acres in 1992 to 5,790 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 108 farms in 1992 to 112 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

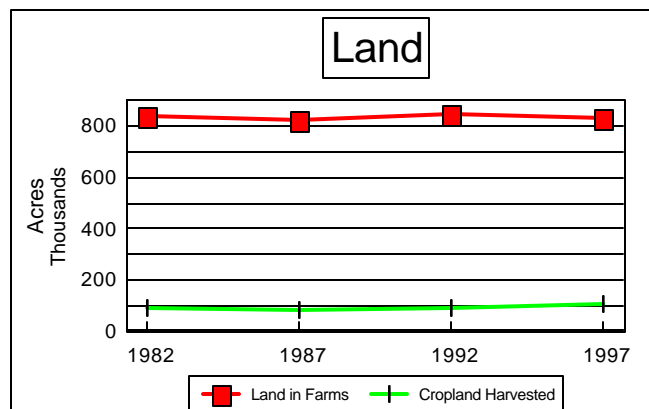
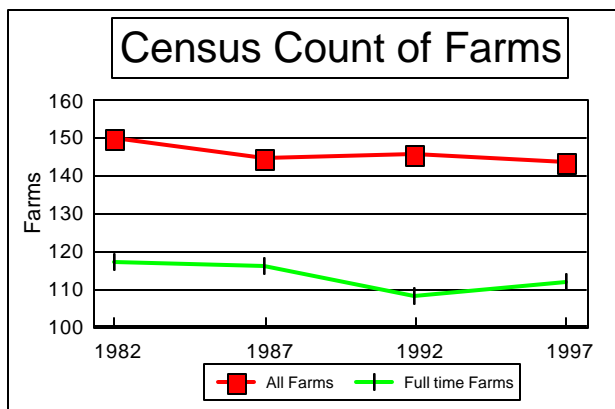
Increased 7 percent to \$22,834,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$146,352 in 1992 to \$158,571 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	22,834	36	56	2,002	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,389	26	56	1,423	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,445	34	56	1,996	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,388	30	56	800	3,063
Wheat	4,848	25	54	380	2,578
Hogs and pigs	1,915	7	54	817	2,976
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1,503	4	56	83	2,787
Barley	1,059	24	54	132	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	25,425	4	36	742	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	21,980	33	56	895	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	15,875	7	54	885	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	15,031	4	56	85	2,765
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	5	9	87	191
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	35,960	32	56	927	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	28,250	6	55	695	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	23,275	3	56	70	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	8,297	8	56	872	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	6	44	403	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	45,468	27	55	326	2,612
Hay crops-acres	44,990	27	56	337	3,061
Barley-acres	17,293	16	56	85	1,411
Oats-acres	1,082	26	56	610	2,332
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	7	10	806	1,323

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	31	34	-9
\$10,000 or more	113	112	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,699	15,416	21
Average per farmdollars..	129,857	105,587	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,282	6,406	-33
Average per farmdollars..	29,736	43,874	-32
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	110	110	
Partnership or corporation	32	34	-6
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	112	108	4
Other	32	38	-16
Operators by sex:			
Male	129	131	-2
Female	15	15	
Operators by race:			
White	144	146	-1
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	52.8	52.2	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.