

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



YELLOWSTONE MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 1,454,669 acres in 1992 to 1,526,007 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 1,463 acres in 1992 to 1,391 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 579 farms in 1992 to 587 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

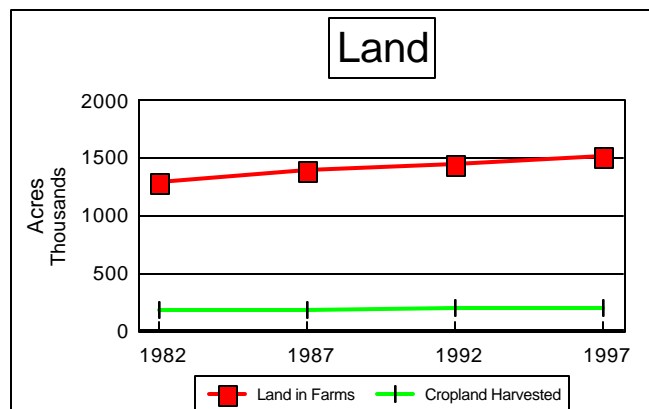
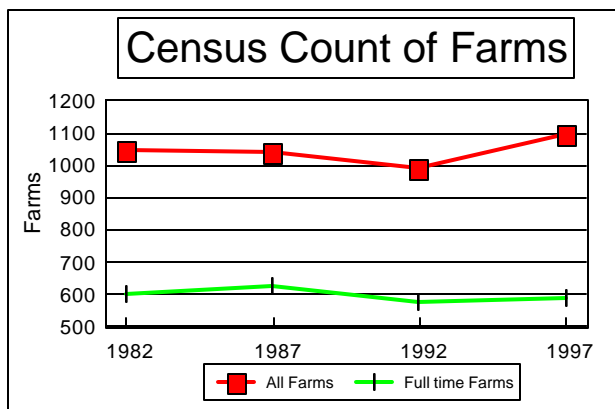
Decreased 4 percent to \$96,044,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$100,886 in 1992 to \$87,551 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	96,044	1	56	547	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	65,913	1	56	349	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	30,131	10	56	932	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	61,002	1	56	105	3,063
Wheat	10,136	20	54	220	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	8,236	3	43	155	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,481	3	56	129	3,043
Barley	3,186	10	54	64	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	98,093	1	56	105	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	5,540	20	56	212	2,765
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	26	408	1,353
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	8	15	611
Hogs and pigs sold	555	35	54	2,019	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	118,621	2	56	91	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	42	331	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,732	24	56	232	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,915	5	56	93	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	26	44	404	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	97,210	21	55	197	2,612
Hay crops-acres	52,085	20	56	239	3,061
Barley-acres	18,700	15	56	81	1,411
Corn for silage-acres	11,290	1	30	103	2,473
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	9,755	2	13	43	199

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	534	474	13
\$10,000 or more	563	520	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	83,469	86,443	-3
Average per farmdollars..	76,158	86,877	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,057	13,929	-21
Average per farmdollars..	10,079	13,999	-28
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	901	815	11
Partnership or corporation	188	170	11
Other	8	9	-11
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	587	579	1
Other	510	415	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	981	912	8
Female	116	82	41
Operators by race:			
White	1,081	987	10
Black and other races	16	7	129
Average age of operator	52.8	52.4	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.