

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



CARTER MONTANA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,619,482 acres in 1992 to 1,589,372 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 5,258 acres in 1992 to 5,211 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 261 farms in 1992 to 249 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

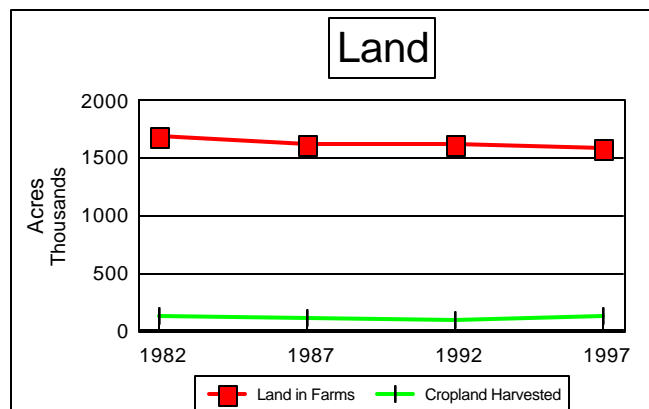
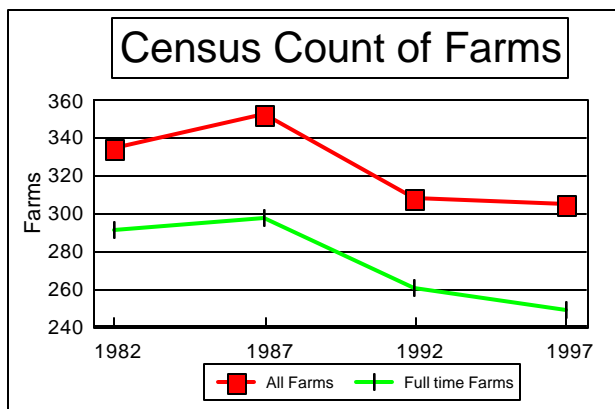
Increased 16 percent to \$26,991,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$75,533 in 1992 to \$88,494 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 | 26,991 | 31 | 56 | 1,852 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 23,251 | 14 | 56 | 1,101 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 3,739 | 45 | 56 | 2,269 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 18,876 | 16 | 56 | 438 | 3,063 |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool | 4,070 | 1 | 56 | 29 | 2,787 |
| Wheat | 2,931 | 35 | 54 | 539 | 2,578 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 671 | 42 | 56 | 1,329 | 3,043 |
| Hogs and pigs | 160 | 27 | 54 | 1,629 | 2,976 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 44,848 | 1 | 56 | 24 | 2,765 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 39,262 | 16 | 56 | 438 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 1,809 | 27 | 54 | 1,603 | 2,976 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 27 | 36 | 1,462 | 2,200 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 67 | 35 | 56 | 1,332 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 59,356 | 16 | 56 | 465 | 3,064 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 59,292 | 1 | 56 | 23 | 2,864 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 1,049 | 29 | 56 | 683 | 3,066 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 875 | 29 | 56 | 1,660 | 3,005 |
| All goat inventory | (D) | 3 | 51 | 544 | 2,983 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 85,542 | 3 | 56 | 67 | 3,061 |
| Wheat-acres | 38,549 | 31 | 55 | 365 | 2,612 |
| Barley-acres | 2,884 | 43 | 56 | 234 | 1,411 |
| Oats-acres | 1,001 | 29 | 56 | 651 | 2,332 |
| Corn for silage-acres | (D) | 15 | 30 | 1,842 | 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 | 58 | 65 | -11 |
| \$10,000 or more | 247 | 243 | 2 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 20,762 | 17,327 | 20 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 68,071 | 56,256 | 21 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 4,594 | 6,177 | -26 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 15,061 | 20,056 | -25 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 226 | 235 | -4 |
| Partnership or corporation | 72 | 69 | 4 |
| Other | 7 | 4 | 75 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 249 | 261 | -5 |
| Other | 56 | 47 | 19 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 275 | 272 | 1 |
| Female | 30 | 36 | -17 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 304 | 306 | -1 |
| Black and other races | 1 | 2 | -50 |
| Average age of operator | 55.0 | 53.3 | 3 |

(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.