

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Montana Agricultural Statistics Service



CASCADE MONTANA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 1,424,228 acres in 1992 to 1,441,261 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 1,798 acres in 1992 to 1,596 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 519 farms in 1992 to 519 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

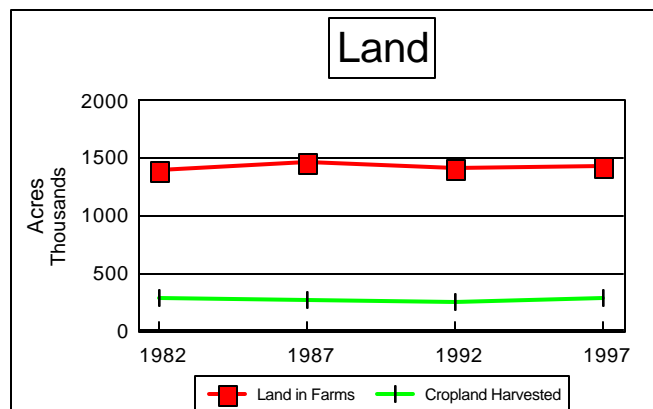
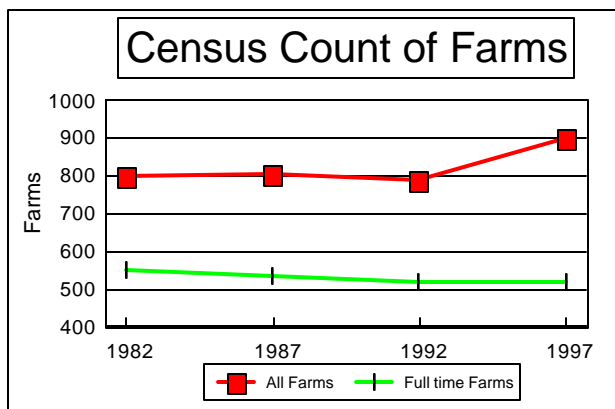
Increased 26 percent to \$66,731,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$66,889 in 1992 to \$73,899 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 | 66,731 | 6 | 56 | 875 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 34,669 | 4 | 56 | 772 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 32,062 | 7 | 56 | 888 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 26,868 | 6 | 56 | 272 | 3,063 |
| Wheat | 21,440 | 11 | 54 | 65 | 2,578 |
| Barley | 6,264 | 7 | 54 | 33 | 1,167 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,869 | 4 | 54 | 707 | 2,976 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 1,907 | 19 | 56 | 430 | 3,043 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 54,231 | 5 | 56 | 257 | 3,063 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | 26,772 | 3 | 36 | 733 | 2,203 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 26,756 | 3 | 54 | 731 | 2,976 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 4 | 26 | 701 | 1,882 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 10,213 | 8 | 56 | 126 | 2,765 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 86,691 | 6 | 56 | 204 | 3,064 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 30,530 | 4 | 55 | 679 | 3,002 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 17,253 | 4 | 56 | 646 | 3,005 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | 12,504 | 3 | 44 | 374 | 2,549 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 11,548 | 9 | 56 | 128 | 2,864 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Wheat-acres | 152,705 | 17 | 55 | 102 | 2,612 |
| Hay crops-acres | 81,695 | 4 | 56 | 77 | 3,061 |
| Barley-acres | 56,278 | 7 | 56 | 31 | 1,411 |
| Total canola and other rapeseed-acres | 2,046 | 7 | 24 | 40 | 208 |
| Mustard seed-acres | (D) | 3 | 17 | 13 | 79 |

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 | 401 | 316 | 27 |
| \$10,000 or more | 502 | 476 | 5 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 51,062 | 45,506 | 12 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 56,547 | 57,457 | -2 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 16,274 | 6,774 | 140 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 18,022 | 8,552 | 111 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 708 | 614 | 15 |
| Partnership or corporation | 190 | 171 | 11 |
| Other | 5 | 7 | -29 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 519 | 519 | |
| Other | 384 | 273 | 41 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 808 | 716 | 13 |
| Female | 95 | 76 | 25 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 898 | 789 | 14 |
| Black and other races | 5 | 3 | 67 |
| Average age of operator | 55.1 | 54.1 | 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.