

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service



HIDALGO NEW MEXICO

Land in farms

Increased 31 percent from 843,401 acres in 1992 to 1,104,820 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 32 percent from 5,737 acres in 1992 to 7,567 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 85 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

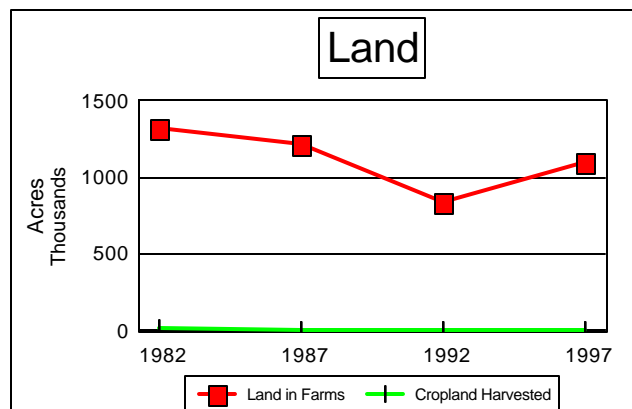
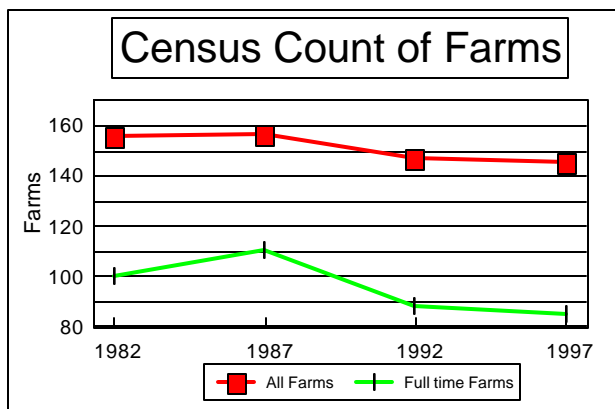
Decreased 2 percent to \$18,311,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 1 percent from \$127,049 in 1992 to \$125,417 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	18,311	18	33	2,173	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,668	11	32	1,611	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,643	30	33	2,281	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	6,759	3	29	149	2,739
Cattle and calves	5,422	25	32	1,411	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	3	27	475	2,790
Corn for grain	(D)	6	23	1,408	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	491	9	11	468	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	13,652	25	32	1,321	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	197	12	30	2,402	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	28	32	1,996	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	25	30	32	2,299	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,410	22	32	1,154	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	522	29	33	1,535	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	123	29	33	2,552	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	100	17	32	2,493	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	7	29	1,084	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,727	3	29	231	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	1,278	7	27	1,778	2,691
Cotton-acres	1,219	9	11	467	713
Hay crops-acres	974	29	32	2,872	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	918	7	15	531	1,508

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	52	31	68
\$10,000 or more	94	116	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,074	14,174	-8
Average per farmdollars..	89,549	96,422	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,113	4,333	18
Average per farmdollars..	35,022	29,477	19
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	114	114	
Partnership or corporation	30	33	-9
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	85	88	-3
Other	61	59	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	122	133	-8
Female	24	14	71
Operators by race:			
White	146	141	4
Black and other races	-	6	-100
Average age of operator	54.9	54.0	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.