

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 2,149,450 acres in 1992 to 2,001,931 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 3,951 acres in 1992 to 3,792 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 281 farms in 1992 to 273 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

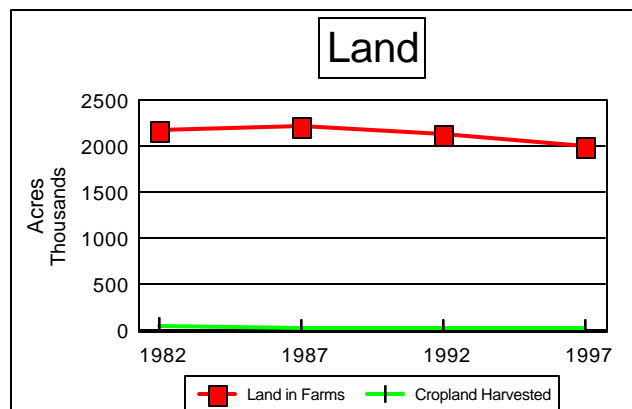
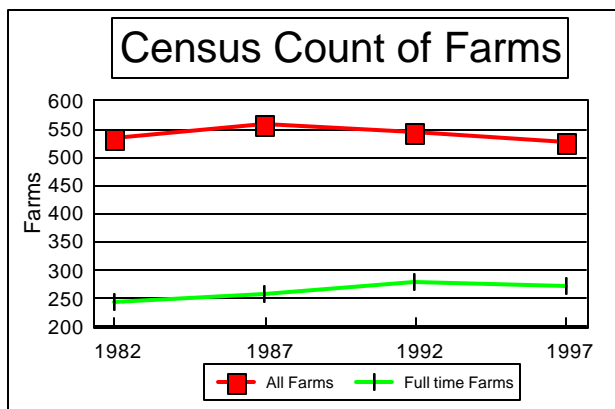
Increased 43 percent to \$60,392,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 47 percent from \$77,611 in 1992 to \$114,379 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	60,392	8	33	978	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	44,902	8	33	590	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	15,490	8	32	1,458	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	25,576	6	21	171	2,563
Cattle and calves	18,519	10	32	456	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	5,424	6	32	102	3,043
Cotton, cottonseed	3,954	4	11	258	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,774	4	19	311	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	43,326	8	32	368	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,932	10	32	288	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	439	6	30	2,111	2,976
All goats sold	335	6	28	298	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	115	14	32	801	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	76,041	7	32	271	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,792	10	32	189	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,311	10	33	492	3,066
All goat inventory	470	11	32	509	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	314	22	33	2,029	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	14,264	9	32	1,346	3,061
Cotton-acres	9,531	3	11	263	713
Corn for silage-acres	3,725	6	25	408	2,473
Wheat-acres	2,966	6	25	1,276	2,612
Peanuts-acres	2,899	2	4	97	466

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	276	300	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	252	244	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	50,080	35,057	43
Average per farm .....dollars..	94,849	64,444	47
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,663	6,474	18
Average per farm .....dollars..	14,514	11,901	22
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	436	452	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	85	85	
Other .....	7	7	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	273	281	-3
Other .....	255	263	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	471	500	-6
Female .....	57	44	30
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	521	534	-2
Black and other races .....	7	10	-30
Average age of operator .....	56.3	56.0	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.