

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 1,868,074 acres in 1992 to 1,650,979 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 4,523 acres in 1992 to 4,180 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 248 farms in 1992 to 223 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

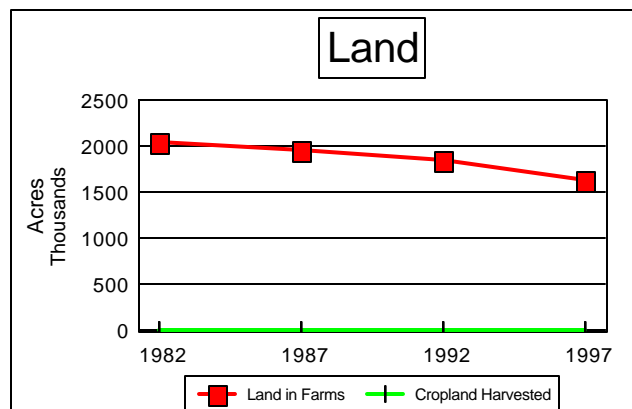
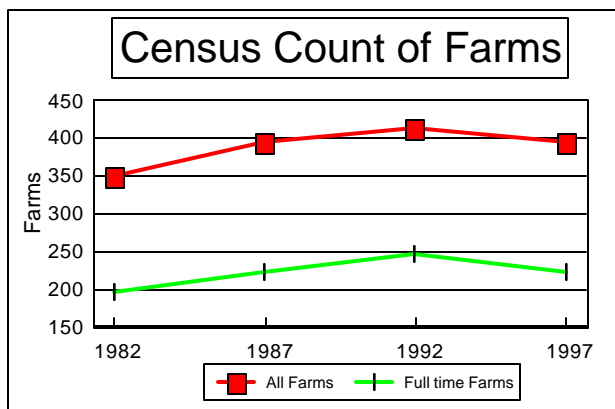
Decreased 8 percent to \$25,229,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$66,738 in 1992 to \$63,872 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	25,229	15	33	1,908	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,543	13	33	1,221	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,686	16	32	2,159	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	11,845	8	21	320	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,187	20	32	1,063	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,492	11	32	192	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	917	10	29	566	2,739
Horses and ponies	232	11	32	668	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,633	17	32	869	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	8	687	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	818	18	32	931	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	87	16	32	1,065	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	18	28	1,128	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,509	11	32	712	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	1	28	660	2,620
Colony of bees inventory	1,526	3	29	356	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,301	11	33	501	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	995	20	32	959	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,539	13	32	1,761	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	356	11	29	751	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	351	13	27	2,149	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	287	14	25	1,685	2,473
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	10	14	459	1,323

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	216	195	11
\$10,000 or more	179	218	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,928	22,424	-11
Average per farmdollars..	50,578	54,427	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,161	5,485	12
Average per farmdollars..	15,637	13,314	17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	339	341	-1
Partnership or corporation	48	66	-27
Other	8	6	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	223	248	-10
Other	172	165	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	352	380	-7
Female	43	33	30
Operators by race:			
White	362	316	15
Black and other races	33	97	-66
Average age of operator	54.0	52.4	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.