

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 3,112,271 acres in 1992 to 2,944,354 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 5,257 acres in 1992 to 5,239 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 357 farms in 1992 to 345 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

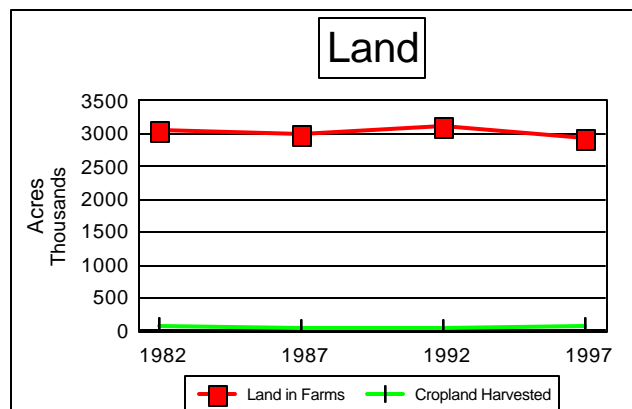
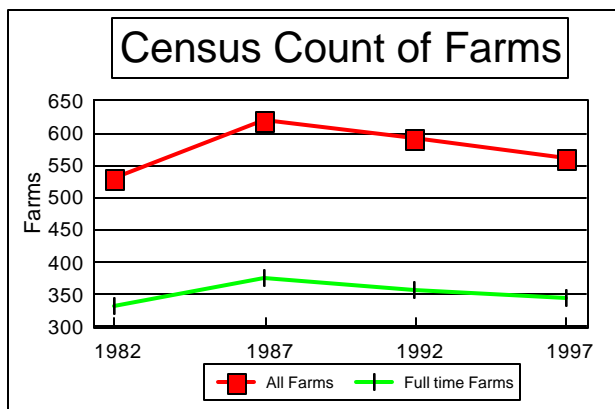
Increased 46 percent to \$220,127,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 54 percent from \$255,014 in 1992 to \$391,684 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	220,127	2	33	118	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	186,220	1	33	63	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	33,906	6	32	854	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	143,438	1	21	13	2,563
Cattle and calves	37,737	5	32	186	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	23,929	1	32	24	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	4,491	1	32	21	2,787
Cotton, cottonseed	3,879	5	11	262	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	117,673	3	32	82	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	55,591	1	32	13	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	20	358	2,200
All goats sold	967	4	28	85	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	372	8	30	2,177	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	164,137	2	32	51	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	73,305	1	32	11	2,864
All goat inventory	13,704	1	32	27	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	1,175	17	33	579	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	432	9	31	1,087	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	39,419	1	32	440	3,061
Cotton-acres	6,954	5	11	294	713
Corn for silage-acres	5,973	4	25	245	2,473
Sorghum for silage-acres	4,679	1	14	3	1,323
Land in orchards-acres	3,221	2	30	157	2,693

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	210	212	-1
\$10,000 or more	352	380	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	163,913	126,950	29
Average per farmdollars..	292,181	214,442	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	56,685	23,323	143
Average per farmdollars..	101,043	39,397	156
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	427	458	-7
Partnership or corporation	122	128	-5
Other	13	6	117
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	345	357	-3
Other	217	235	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	499	548	-9
Female	63	44	43
Operators by race:			
White	560	577	-3
Black and other races	2	15	-87
Average age of operator	55.8	54.2	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.