

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 526,407 acres in 1992 to 581,436 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 414 acres in 1992 to 451 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 538 farms in 1992 to 521 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

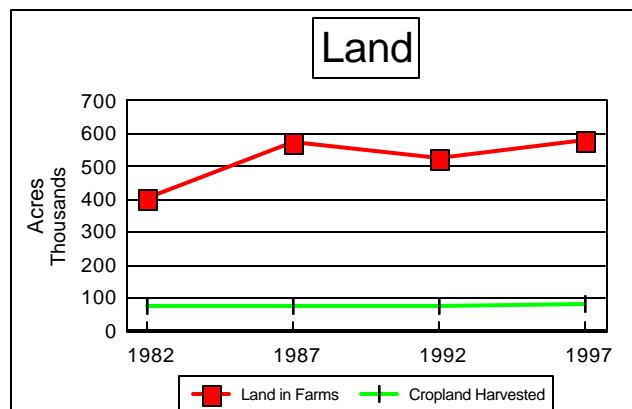
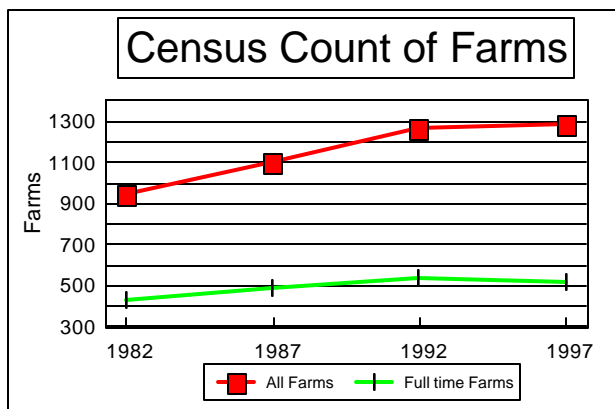
Increased 18 percent to \$235,484,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 16 percent from \$157,121 in 1992 to \$182,546 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	235,484	1	33	105	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	128,371	1	32	88	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	107,113	4	33	168	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	87,266	2	21	30	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	36,934	1	29	39	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	33,898	1	29	59	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	26,976	1	27	73	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	16,047	1	11	104	709
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	17	266	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	29,486	14	32	650	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	997	16	32	812	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	352	7	20	1,033	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	218	10	30	2,371	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	1	33	104	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	82,714	6	32	224	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	29	198	2,549
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	29	101	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,463	7	33	392	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	22,016	1	11	165	713
Land in orchards-acres	21,121	1	30	46	2,693
Hay crops-acres	19,947	5	32	1,040	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	12,864	1	29	51	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	6,564	3	25	220	2,473

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 .....	868	773	12
\$10,000 or more .....	422	498	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	177,315	158,476	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	137,560	124,686	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	58,787	39,273	50
Average per farm .....dollars..	45,607	30,899	48
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,095	1,062	3
Partnership or corporation .....	172	197	-13
Other .....	23	12	92
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	521	538	-3
Other .....	769	733	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,146	1,165	-2
Female .....	144	106	36
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,075	1,046	3
Black and other races .....	215	225	-4
Average age of operator .....	55.6	53.6	4

(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.