

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 335,575 acres in 1992 to 329,475 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 176 acres in 1992 to 191 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 899 farms in 1992 to 772 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

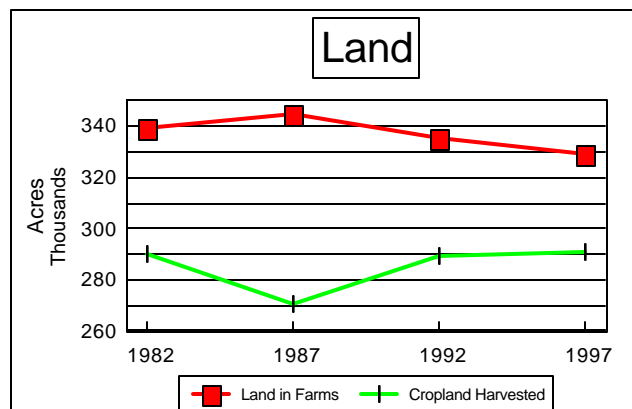
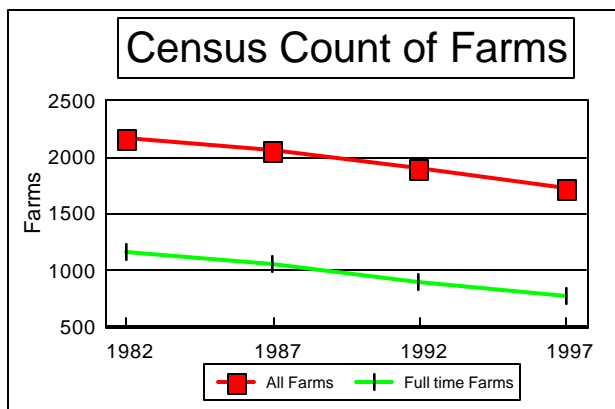
Increased 24 percent to \$247,071,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 37 percent from \$104,610 in 1992 to \$143,147 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	247,071	2	88	92	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	172,673	2	88	72	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	74,397	2	88	279	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	114,670	2	88	34	2,901
Soybeans	35,563	1	87	78	2,136
Hogs and pigs	31,480	2	88	92	2,976
Corn for grain	30,634	1	88	182	2,582
Dairy products	17,383	8	87	236	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	6,326,696	2	81	4	2,203
Turkeys sold	2,259,938	2	64	41	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	322,910	1	88	87	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	10	73	640	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	15,906	7	88	1,192	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	5,606,525	2	88	4	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	1,449,000	1	70	2	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,028,975	1	85	3	2,549
All turkeys inventory	557,068	2	83	59	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	140,105	2	88	94	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	133,567	1	87	96	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	114,598	1	88	170	2,691
Wheat-acres	25,564	11	88	465	2,612
Hay crops-acres	13,526	38	88	1,402	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	6,777	4	88	209	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 .....	550	620	-11
\$10,000 or more .....	1,176	1,285	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	216,073	162,263	33
Average per farm .....dollars..	125,042	85,177	47
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	26,915	38,295	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,576	20,103	-23
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,525	1,669	-9
Partnership or corporation .....	196	223	-12
Other .....	5	13	-62
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	772	899	-14
Other .....	954	1,006	-5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,675	1,857	-10
Female .....	51	48	6
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,718	1,897	-9
Black and other races .....	8	8	
Average age of operator .....	51.0	49.6	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.