

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 196,759 acres in 1992 to 186,385 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 237 acres in 1992 to 216 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 384 farms in 1992 to 361 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

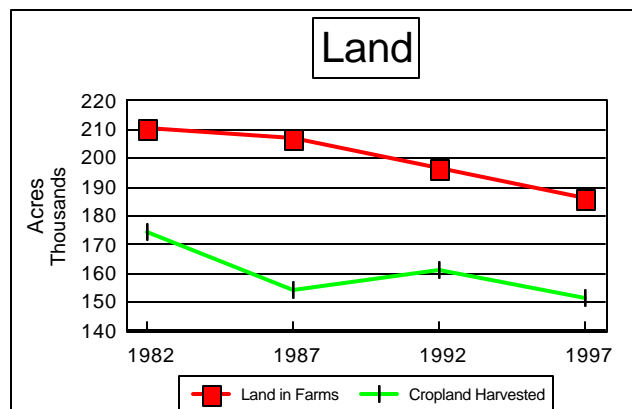
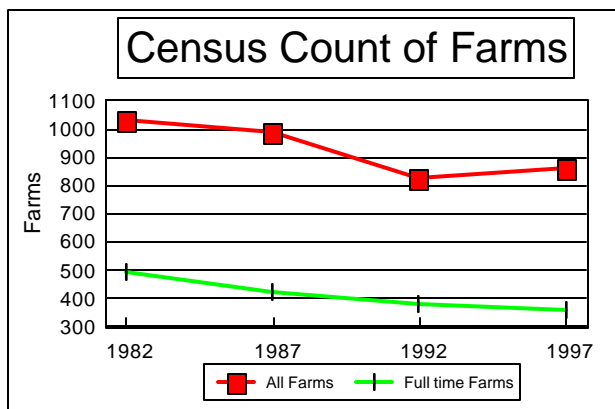
Increased 14 percent to \$45,248,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$47,767 in 1992 to \$52,553 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	45,248	48	88	1,306	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	33,566	42	88	861	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,682	45	88	1,737	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	18,870	31	87	324	2,136
Corn for grain	9,593	40	88	569	2,582
Cattle and calves	5,544	21	88	1,390	3,063
Wheat	3,776	18	88	456	2,578
Hogs and pigs	3,106	35	88	682	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	32,052	35	88	681	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,946	38	88	1,803	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	77	491	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	523	65	88	1,210	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	3	30	108	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	13,755	40	88	704	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	10,022	53	88	2,144	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	819	8	88	505	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	737	63	88	1,162	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	662	64	88	1,459	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	84,876	20	87	284	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	37,115	41	88	607	2,691
Wheat-acres	23,163	15	88	491	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,246	70	88	2,245	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,367	37	88	877	2,473

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	346	301	15
\$10,000 or more	515	529	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	31,374	29,831	5
Average per farmdollars..	36,439	35,941	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,369	10,240	31
Average per farmdollars..	15,528	12,337	26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	767	707	8
Partnership or corporation	89	123	-28
Other	5	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	361	384	-6
Other	500	446	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	823	803	2
Female	38	27	41
Operators by race:			
White	858	830	3
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	54.3	52.0	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.