

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 171,129 acres in 1992 to 163,948 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 180 acres in 1992 to 176 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 507 farms in 1992 to 440 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

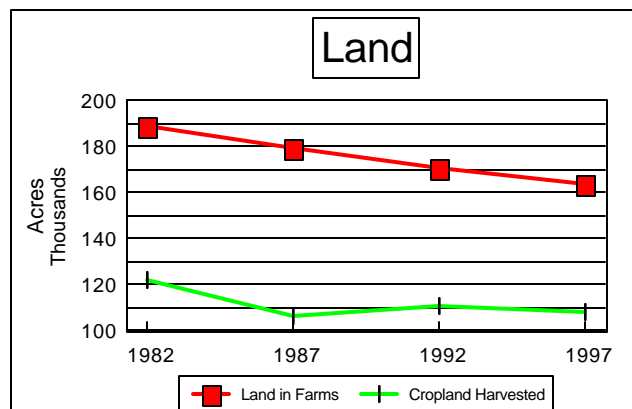
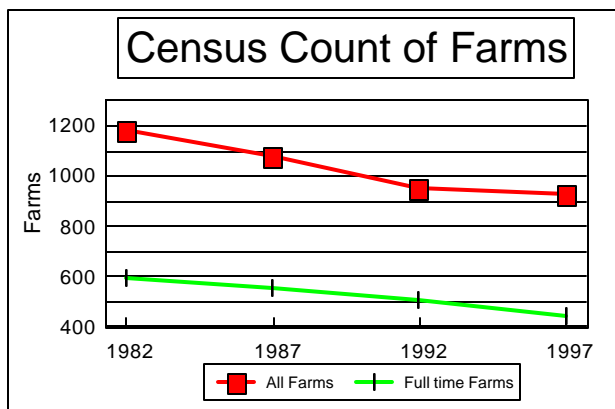
Increased 5 percent to \$48,933,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$48,876 in 1992 to \$52,672 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	48,933	43	88	1,225	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	30,123	15	88	877	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	18,809	53	88	1,308	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	19,285	6	87	220	2,563
Soybeans	7,460	50	87	631	2,136
Corn for grain	6,876	48	88	689	2,582
Cattle and calves	6,502	10	88	1,250	3,063
Hogs and pigs	3,565	30	88	642	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	33,295	32	88	668	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,308	10	88	1,351	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	77	263	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	2,974	8	88	346	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	4	79	135	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,424	6	88	1,153	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	20,894	27	88	575	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	4,408	34	88	860	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,050	6	88	301	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	3,327	8	87	323	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	37,856	40	88	601	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	30,756	50	87	677	2,144
Hay crops-acres	23,806	15	88	864	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,341	41	88	843	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	5,639	8	88	263	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	430	393	9
\$10,000 or more	499	560	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	40,931	37,878	8
Average per farmdollars..	44,107	39,787	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,079	8,389	8
Average per farmdollars..	9,783	8,812	11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	823	839	-2
Partnership or corporation	104	108	-4
Other	2	6	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	440	507	-13
Other	489	446	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	873	911	-4
Female	56	42	33
Operators by race:			
White	926	952	-3
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	52.7	50.6	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.