

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 48,050 acres in 1992 to 47,950 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 135 acres in 1992 to 136 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 110 farms in 1992 to 111 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

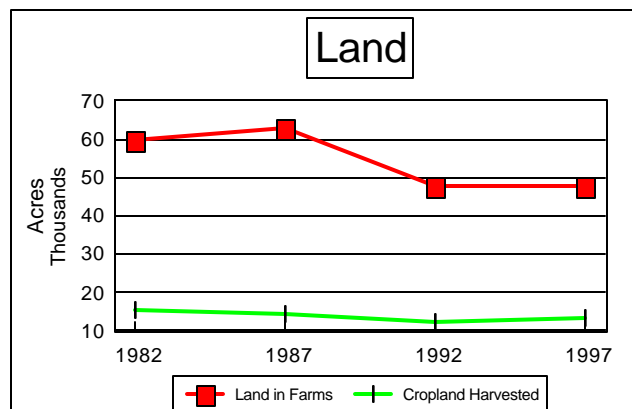
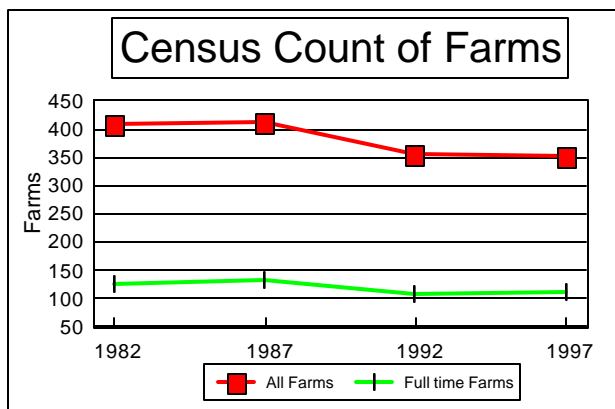
Increased 29 percent to \$3,432,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$7,473 in 1992 to \$9,724 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	3,432	87	88	2,856	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,352	80	88	2,454	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,081	85	88	2,856	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	850	73	88	1,386	2,582
Cattle and calves	752	83	88	2,661	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	737	57	88	1,133	2,790
Soybeans	367	73	87	1,389	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	217	83	88	2,296	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	77	387	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,326	76	88	2,600	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,458	73	88	1,681	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	479	68	88	1,275	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	2	30	101	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,156	78	88	2,658	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	798	58	88	1,106	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	701	77	88	1,745	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	691	63	88	1,426	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	615	29	87	919	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,542	57	88	1,960	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,208	75	88	1,496	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,831	72	87	1,435	2,144
Wheat-acres	470	74	88	1,917	2,612
All nursery-acres	421	30	88	612	2,619

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	288	292	-1
\$10,000 or more	65	63	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,361	2,538	72
Average per farmdollars..	12,353	7,151	73
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(366)	(532)	31
Average per farmdollars..	(1,037)	(1,498)	31
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	314	325	-3
Partnership or corporation	37	29	28
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	111	110	1
Other	242	245	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	326	328	-1
Female	27	27	
Operators by race:			
White	350	355	-1
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	54.6	54.8	-0

(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.