

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 80,507 acres in 1992 to 82,873 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 161 acres in 1992 to 172 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 195 farms in 1992 to 179 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

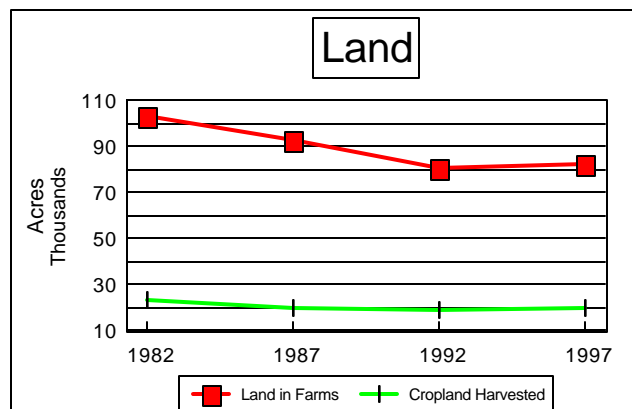
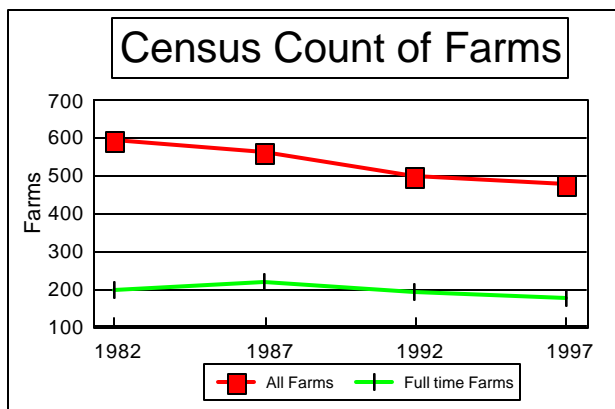
Increased 7 percent to \$6,208,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$11,579 in 1992 to \$12,906 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	6,208	84	88	2,698	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,103	75	88	2,450	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,105	83	88	2,496	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,875	64	88	2,204	3,063
Dairy products	1,838	55	87	1,086	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	764	55	88	1,120	2,790
Corn for grain	383	80	88	1,649	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	365	78	88	1,918	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,965	44	88	1,893	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	12	77	365	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,058	40	88	787	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	27	73	1,009	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	542	83	88	2,027	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,161	52	88	2,132	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,429	35	88	720	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,280	19	87	589	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,046	52	88	1,180	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	714	42	88	1,136	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	15,234	32	88	1,294	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,182	80	88	1,611	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,508	74	87	1,484	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	560	69	88	1,377	2,473
Wheat-acres	518	73	88	1,893	2,612

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	363	386	-6
\$10,000 or more	118	115	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,692	5,910	13
Average per farmdollars..	13,912	11,797	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(472)	(217)	-118
Average per farmdollars..	(982)	(432)	-127
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	444	462	-4
Partnership or corporation	32	35	-9
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	179	195	-8
Other	302	306	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	427	451	-5
Female	54	50	8
Operators by race:			
White	479	498	-4
Black and other races	2	3	-33
Average age of operator	55.0	54.7	1

(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.