

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 87,036 acres in 1992 to 84,761 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 177 acres in 1992 to 173 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 227 farms in 1992 to 194 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

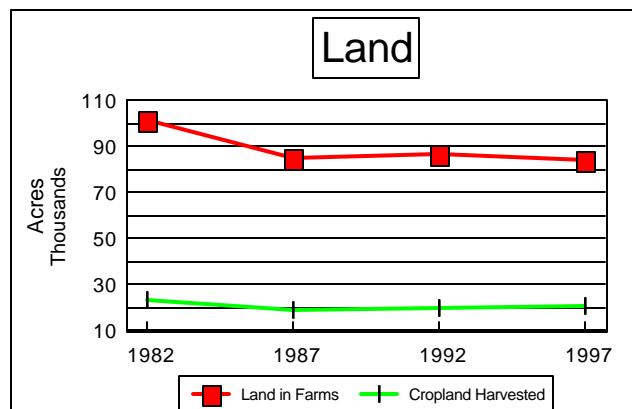
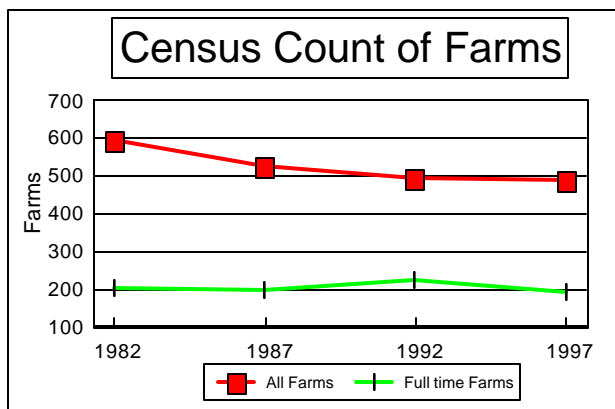
Increased 26 percent to \$12,982,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 26 percent from \$20,944 in 1992 to \$26,439 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	12,982	75	88	2,383	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,059	70	88	1,824	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,923	76	88	2,474	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,724	18	88	350	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,882	63	88	2,202	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,658	14	88	405	2,739
Dairy products	1,619	60	87	1,160	2,563
Corn for grain	558	76	88	1,535	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	26,157	22	81	736	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,069	57	88	2,158	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	310	73	88	1,499	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	161	87	88	2,463	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	40	79	765	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	27,520	23	88	698	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	10,879	49	88	2,067	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	429	64	88	1,799	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	328	73	88	1,630	2,864
All goat inventory	155	55	88	1,388	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	15,964	29	88	1,253	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,186	77	88	1,500	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	826	15	88	506	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	823	78	87	1,619	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	555	70	88	1,382	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 .....	350	355	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	141	138	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,561	9,458	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,472	19,146	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,576	2,414	48
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,284	4,886	49
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	448	451	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	41	41	
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	194	227	-15
Other .....	297	266	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	442	447	-1
Female .....	49	46	7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	488	493	-1
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	53.8	53.9	-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.