

# 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 269,163 acres in 1992 to 260,935 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 193 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 723 farms in 1992 to 635 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

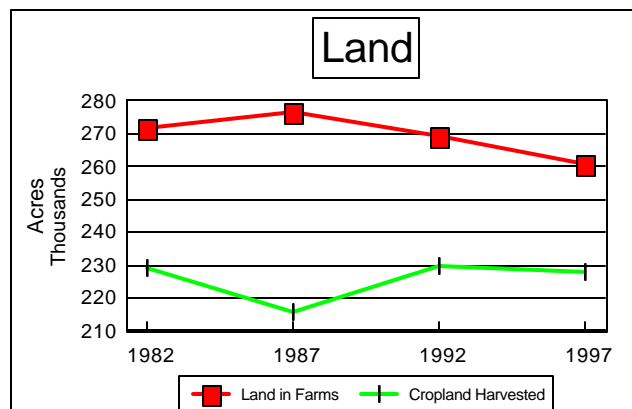
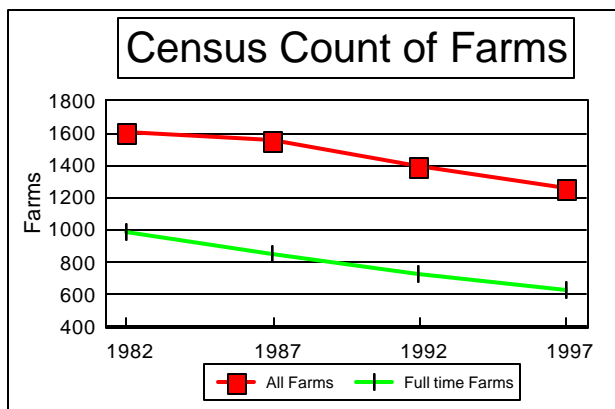
Increased 51 percent to \$287,662,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 67 percent from \$136,883 in 1992 to \$229,213 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	287,662	1	88	72	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	232,697	1	88	50	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	54,965	18	88	476	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	153,245	1	88	20	2,901
Hogs and pigs	34,979	1	88	81	2,976
Dairy products	34,027	2	87	127	2,563
Soybeans	25,432	14	87	187	2,136
Corn for grain	21,926	13	88	295	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	7,814,271	1	81	2	2,203
Turkeys sold	3,103,093	1	64	28	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	450,000	8	73	532	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	321,005	2	88	88	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	19,581	3	88	1,011	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	7,245,916	1	88	3	3,002
All turkeys inventory	905,202	1	83	30	2,361
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	603,945	4	70	11	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	526,032	2	85	19	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	160,494	1	88	75	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	91,518	18	87	250	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	84,797	7	88	282	2,691
Wheat-acres	24,863	12	88	470	2,612
Hay crops-acres	19,658	21	88	1,054	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	9,650	2	88	129	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 .....	243	283	-14
\$10,000 or more .....	1,012	1,110	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	234,829	150,923	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	187,264	108,266	73
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	51,114	39,676	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	40,761	28,462	43
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,045	1,173	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	201	217	-7
Other .....	9	3	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	635	723	-12
Other .....	620	670	-7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,217	1,360	-11
Female .....	38	33	15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,252	1,390	-10
Black and other races .....	3	3	
Average age of operator .....	49.2	47.7	3

(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.