

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 104,197 acres in 1992 to 99,003 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 189 acres in 1992 to 191 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 198 farms in 1992 to 170 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

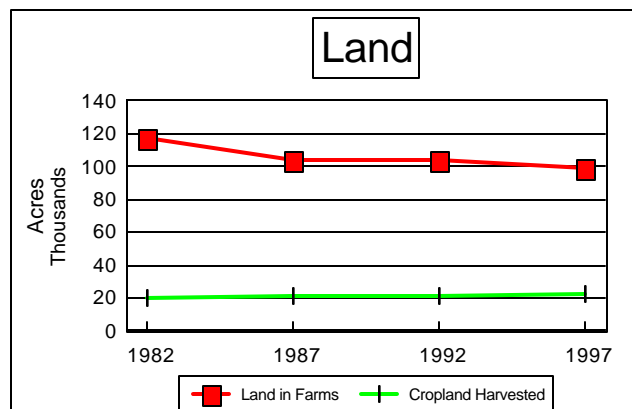
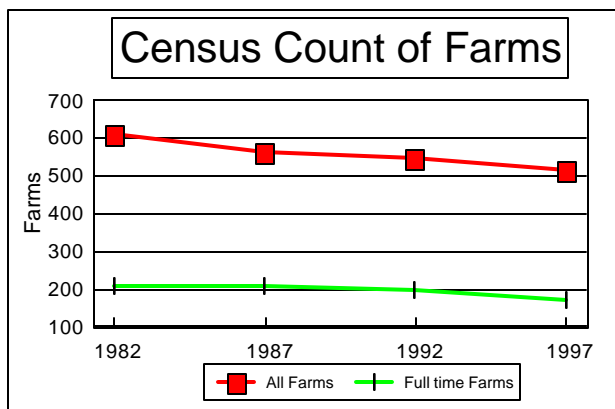
Decreased 21 percent to \$3,823,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 16 percent from \$8,752 in 1992 to \$7,366 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	3,823	86	88	2,829	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,178	78	88	2,570	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	645	88	88	2,824	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,535	54	88	1,984	3,063
Dairy products	415	83	87	1,835	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	374	75	88	1,886	3,043
Corn for grain	192	83	88	1,840	2,582
Mink or their pelts	(D)	6	9	110	191
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,593	46	88	1,935	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	7	9	116	191
Sheep and lambs sold	1,120	36	88	760	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	27	79	500	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	228	86	88	2,359	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,868	35	88	1,856	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,422	36	88	723	2,864
Mink inventory	(D)	7	14	113	239
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	720	62	88	1,397	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	540	55	88	1,493	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	20,109	19	88	1,028	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,467	84	88	1,730	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	480	73	88	1,442	2,473
Oats-acres	80	75	85	1,733	2,332
All nursery-acres	(D)	78	88	1,723	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	433	451	-4
\$10,000 or more	86	100	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,152	4,934	-16
Average per farmdollars..	7,969	8,970	-11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(904)	(105)	-761
Average per farmdollars..	(1,735)	(191)	-808
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	480	521	-8
Partnership or corporation	38	28	36
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	170	198	-14
Other	349	353	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	470	495	-5
Female	49	56	-13
Operators by race:			
White	517	550	-6
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	53.8	54.1	-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.