

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



BELMONT OHIO

Land in farms

Increased 18 percent from 126,195 acres in 1992 to 148,287 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 209 acres in 1992 to 238 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 285 farms in 1992 to 274 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

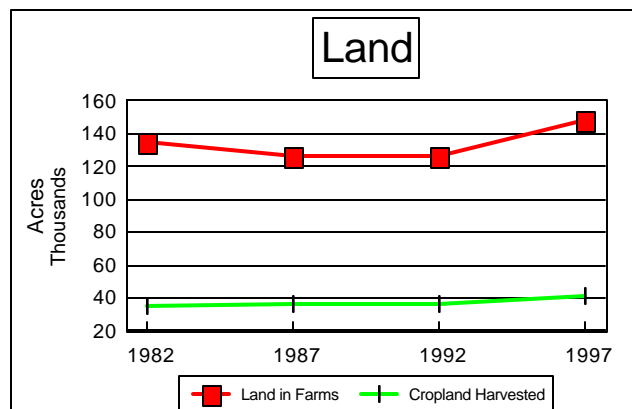
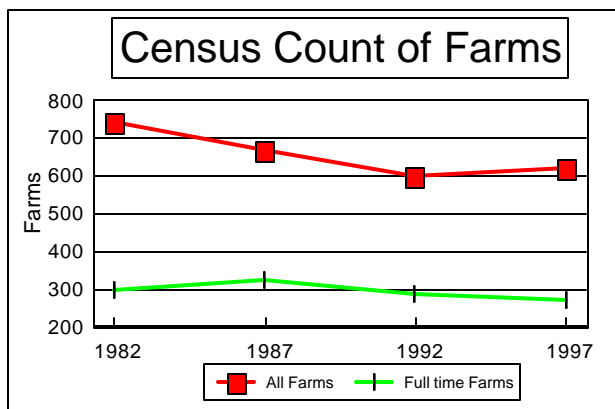
Increased 12 percent to \$12,308,000 in 1997.

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 8 percent from \$18,281 in 1992 to \$19,788 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 | 12,308 | 76 | 88 | 2,404 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 10,011 | 51 | 88 | 1,858 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 2,297 | 81 | 88 | 2,464 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 5,085 | 25 | 88 | 1,452 | 3,063 |
| Dairy products | 4,618 | 29 | 87 | 671 | 2,563 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 1,010 | 29 | 88 | 920 | 3,043 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 790 | 53 | 88 | 1,093 | 2,790 |
| Corn for grain | 177 | 85 | 88 | 1,864 | 2,582 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 12,788 | 12 | 88 | 1,390 | 3,063 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | (D) | 31 | 81 | 892 | 2,203 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 1,254 | 30 | 88 | 694 | 2,765 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 724 | 78 | 88 | 1,917 | 2,976 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 48 | 73 | 1,317 | 1,882 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 23,569 | 16 | 88 | 1,372 | 3,064 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | (D) | 16 | 85 | 399 | 2,549 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 1,804 | 26 | 88 | 599 | 2,864 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 727 | 74 | 88 | 1,733 | 3,005 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 707 | 43 | 88 | 1,149 | 3,066 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 38,010 | 2 | 88 | 470 | 3,061 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 1,834 | 81 | 88 | 1,676 | 2,691 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 723 | 58 | 88 | 1,243 | 2,473 |
| Oats-acres | 606 | 38 | 85 | 881 | 2,332 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | (D) | 83 | 87 | 1,775 | 2,144 |

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 | 423 | 411 | 3 |
| \$10,000 or more | 199 | 192 | 4 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 9,499 | 8,400 | 13 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 15,199 | 13,930 | 9 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 1,358 | 2,436 | -44 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 2,173 | 4,040 | -46 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 567 | 562 | 1 |
| Partnership or corporation | 49 | 40 | 23 |
| Other | 6 | 1 | 500 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 274 | 285 | -4 |
| Other | 348 | 318 | 9 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 557 | 552 | 1 |
| Female | 65 | 51 | 27 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 618 | 599 | 3 |
| Black and other races | 4 | 4 | |
| Average age of operator | 54.9 | 54.9 | |

(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.