

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 253,383 acres in 1992 to 251,675 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 313 acres in 1992 to 284 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 396 farms in 1992 to 373 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

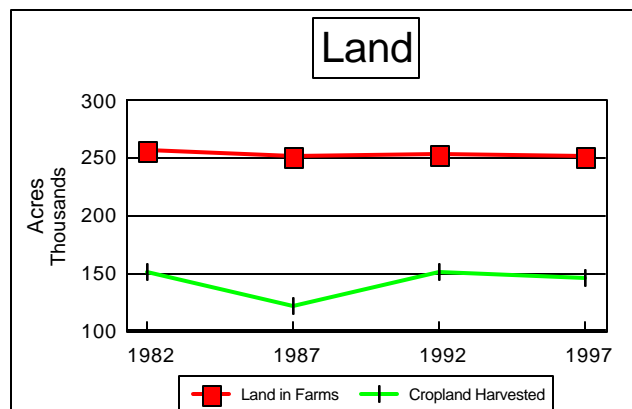
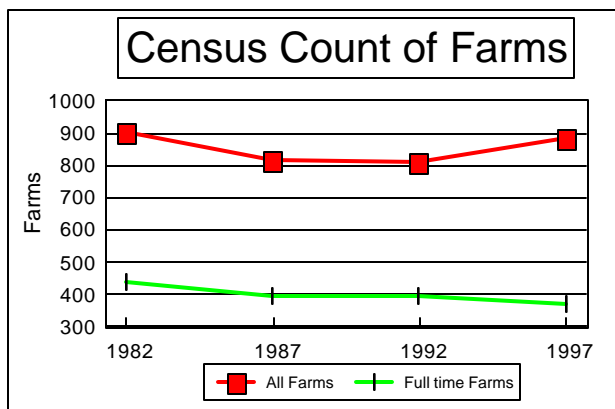
Increased 4 percent to \$45,806,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 5 percent from \$54,207 in 1992 to \$51,758 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	45,806	47	88	1,291	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	36,812	38	88	787	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,994	57	88	1,939	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	15,999	28	88	413	2,582
Soybeans	15,573	35	87	386	2,136
Cattle and calves	5,809	17	88	1,347	3,063
Wheat	3,000	24	88	533	2,578
Dairy products	1,564	63	87	1,179	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	11,751	55	88	979	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	10,881	24	88	1,538	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,511	25	88	594	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	81	1,028	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	33	77	889	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,441	24	88	1,564	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,052	52	88	853	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,251	21	88	490	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,545	42	88	1,022	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	768	36	88	1,053	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	54,958	32	88	479	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	52,465	40	87	494	2,144
Wheat-acres	19,614	21	88	544	2,612
Hay crops-acres	19,158	23	88	1,079	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,459	35	88	851	2,473

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	501	414	21
\$10,000 or more	384	395	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,975	34,687	4
Average per farmdollars..	40,650	42,877	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,707	10,542	21
Average per farmdollars..	14,358	13,031	10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	754	637	18
Partnership or corporation	122	165	-26
Other	9	7	29
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	373	396	-6
Other	512	413	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	810	757	7
Female	75	52	44
Operators by race:			
White	876	802	9
Black and other races	9	7	29
Average age of operator	56.3	54.0	4

(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.