

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



STARK OHIO

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 136,612 acres in 1992 to 136,737 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 122 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 515 farms in 1992 to 476 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

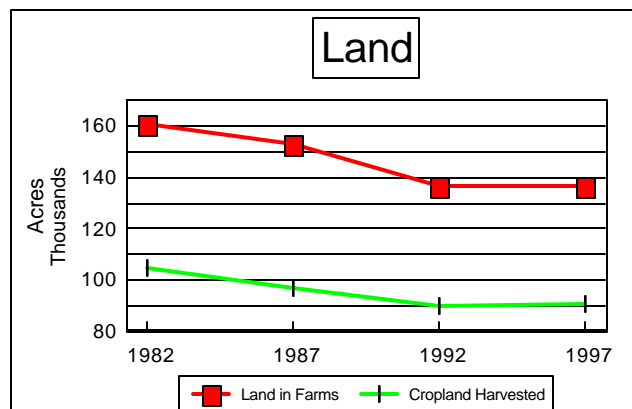
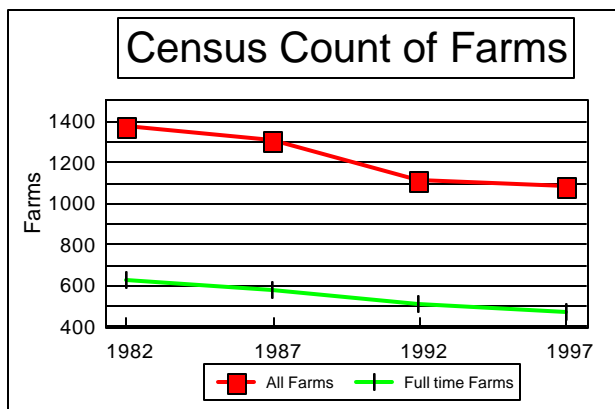
Increased 29 percent to \$72,998,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$50,388 in 1992 to \$67,217 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	72,998	22	88	785	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	44,546	9	88	594	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	28,451	46	88	978	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	18,861	8	88	301	2,901
Dairy products	18,503	7	87	230	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	7,376	3	88	136	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,790	13	88	299	2,790
Corn for grain	6,407	49	88	715	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,163,141	3	73	224	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		10	81	356	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	16,462	51	88	874	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	11,991	16	88	1,441	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold (D)		4	9	81	191
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,028,170	3	84	234	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		15	88	420	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	26,179	10	88	1,269	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,354	51	88	840	3,005
Mink inventory (D)		5	14	76	239
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	31,859	45	88	654	2,691
Hay crops-acres	22,477	17	88	912	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	20,215	55	87	791	2,144
Wheat-acres	6,951	46	88	910	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	5,905	7	88	247	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	583	641	-9
\$10,000 or more	503	479	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	62,695	47,557	32
Average per farmdollars..	57,784	42,461	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,361	9,289	-10
Average per farmdollars..	7,706	8,294	-7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	953	980	-3
Partnership or corporation	128	137	-7
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	476	515	-8
Other	610	605	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,009	1,059	-5
Female	77	61	26
Operators by race:			
White	1,085	1,117	-3
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	53.3	52.5	2

(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.