

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 222,957 acres in 1992 to 204,693 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 278 acres in 1992 to 252 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 409 farms in 1992 to 374 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

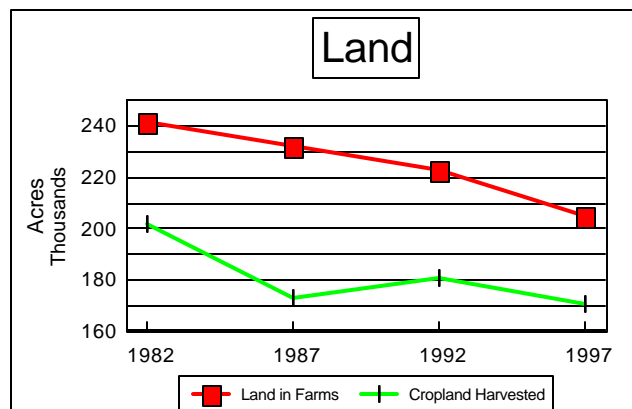
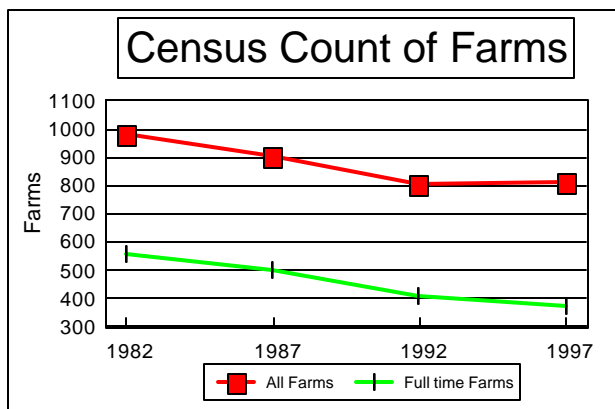
Decreased 11 percent to \$69,625,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 11 percent from \$96,912 in 1992 to \$85,851 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	69,625	27	88	832	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	42,953	32	88	664	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	26,673	17	88	974	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	23,610	17	87	217	2,136
Corn for grain	12,551	34	88	490	2,582
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	60	10	1,649
Hogs and pigs	6,918	18	88	436	2,976
Dairy products	4,929	27	87	646	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	77,900	14	88	394	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,204	42	88	1,869	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,412	4	88	318	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	35	79	638	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	163	47	77	1,221	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	38,809	14	88	374	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	11,942	43	88	1,984	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,298	9	88	353	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	583	52	88	1,387	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	424	79	88	1,817	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	94,585	13	87	233	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	49,559	35	88	512	2,691
Wheat-acres	18,527	22	88	556	2,612
Hay crops-acres	8,095	52	88	1,899	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,721	28	88	766	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	360	312	15
\$10,000 or more	451	491	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	49,913	63,814	-22
Average per farmdollars..	61,621	79,272	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	20,314	11,864	71
Average per farmdollars..	25,079	14,738	70
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	668	657	2
Partnership or corporation	131	143	-8
Other	12	3	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	374	409	-9
Other	437	394	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	741	753	-2
Female	70	50	40
Operators by race:			
White	804	801	0
Black and other races	7	2	250
Average age of operator	52.7	50.4	5

(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.