

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 241,787 acres in 1992 to 237,244 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 306 acres in 1992 to 336 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 458 farms in 1992 to 404 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

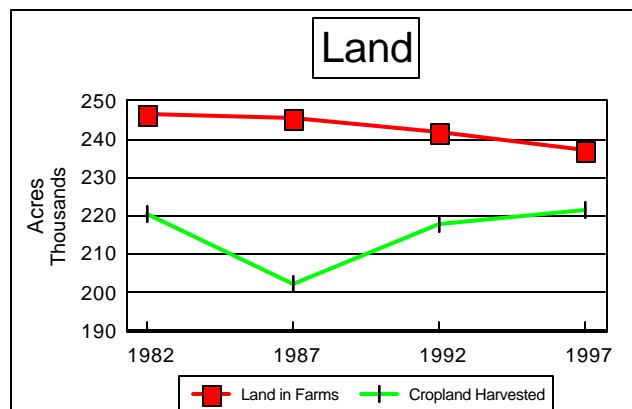
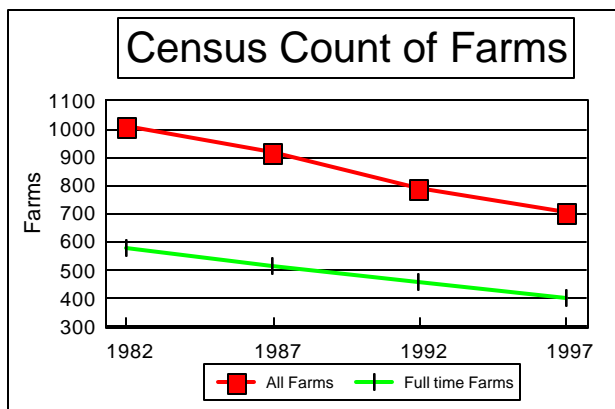
Increased 22 percent to \$72,552,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$75,447 in 1992 to \$102,619 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	72,552	23	88	794	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	62,931	13	88	381	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,621	53	88	1,884	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	30,174	7	87	128	2,136
Corn for grain	24,461	9	88	252	2,582
Wheat	4,052	16	88	434	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	3,655	1	80	166	1,971
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	15	88	668	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	81	511	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	30,366	36	88	692	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,068	78	88	2,642	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	559	62	88	1,167	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	55	48	79	954	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	8	88	184	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	10	70	298	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	17,474	32	88	641	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	13	85	371	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	3,347	80	88	2,711	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	110,874	8	87	158	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	78,184	10	88	306	2,691
Wheat-acres	22,212	16	88	501	2,612
Popcorn-acres	9,427	1	51	4	534
Hay crops-acres	2,455	86	88	2,640	3,061

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	135	185	-27
\$10,000 or more	572	605	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	48,935	38,548	27
Average per farmdollars..	69,214	48,734	42
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	26,159	20,782	26
Average per farmdollars..	37,000	26,273	41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	579	660	-12
Partnership or corporation	123	128	-4
Other	5	2	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	404	458	-12
Other	303	332	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	689	772	-11
Female	18	18	
Operators by race:			
White	706	788	-10
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	52.2	50.3	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.