

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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## JOSEPHINE OREGON

### Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 31,249 acres in 1992 to 34,565 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 51 acres in 1992 to 56 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 303 farms in 1992 to 288 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

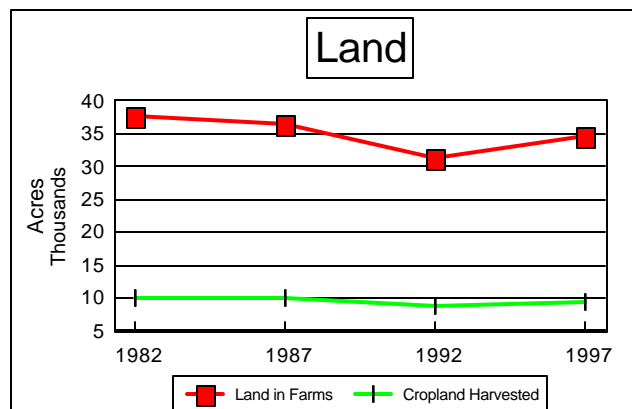
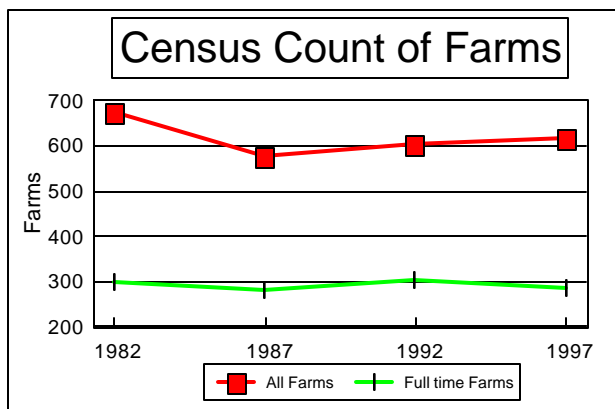
Increased 32 percent to \$16,204,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$20,264 in 1992 to \$26,305 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

| Item  | Quantity | State |           | U.S.  |           |
|---|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|   |          | Rank  | Universe* | Rank  | Universe* |
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b> |          |       |           |       |           |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                   | 16,204   | 32    | 36        | 2,247 | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 8,744    | 30    | 36        | 1,843 | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 7,460    | 27    | 36        | 2,090 | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Dairy products  | 4,911    | 13    | 33        | 647   | 2,563     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 3,706    | 15    | 34        | 487   | 2,790     |
| Fruits, nuts, berries                                       | 2,743    | 15    | 34        | 200   | 2,547     |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons                          | 1,615    | 14    | 34        | 412   | 2,739     |
| Cattle and calves   | 1,580    | 32    | 36        | 2,312 | 3,063     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 3,903    | 32    | 36        | 2,337 | 3,063     |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold                                | (D)      | 9     | 31        | 103   | 1,593     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 1,377    | 11    | 36        | 1,706 | 2,976     |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | (D)      | 10    | 25        | 893   | 1,882     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 487      | 29    | 36        | 1,263 | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 9,081    | 30    | 36        | 2,232 | 3,064     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 3,434    | 7     | 36        | 881   | 3,002     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 1,497    | 21    | 36        | 369   | 3,066     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 1,187    | 7     | 36        | 1,536 | 3,005     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 842      | 27    | 36        | 1,074 | 2,864     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 7,237    | 29    | 36        | 1,994 | 3,061     |
| Land in orchards-acres                                      | 1,217    | 13    | 34        | 299   | 2,693     |
| Total herbs-acres   | (D)      | 4     | 19        | 38    | 649       |
| All nursery-acres   | 329      | 18    | 34        | 721   | 2,619     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | (D)      | 12    | 23        | 1,706 | 2,473     |

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

| Item   | 1997   | 1992   | Percent Change |
|--|--------|--------|----------------|
| <b>Farms by value of sales:</b>                |        |        |                |
| Less than \$10,000 .....                       | 492    | 507    | -3             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 124    | 100    | 24             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 13,815 | 12,134 | 14             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 22,464 | 19,990 | 12             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 2,135  | 78     | 2637           |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 3,471  | 128    | 2612           |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 551    | 556    | -1             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 57     | 43     | 33             |
| Other .....                                    | 8      | 8      |                |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 288    | 303    | -5             |
| Other .....                                    | 328    | 304    | 8              |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 474    | 499    | -5             |
| Female .....                                   | 142    | 108    | 31             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 613    | 598    | 3              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 3      | 9      | -67            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 56.1   | 56.2   | -0             |

(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.