

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 118,818 acres in 1992 to 130,818 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 181 acres in 1992 to 180 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 284 farms in 1992 to 301 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

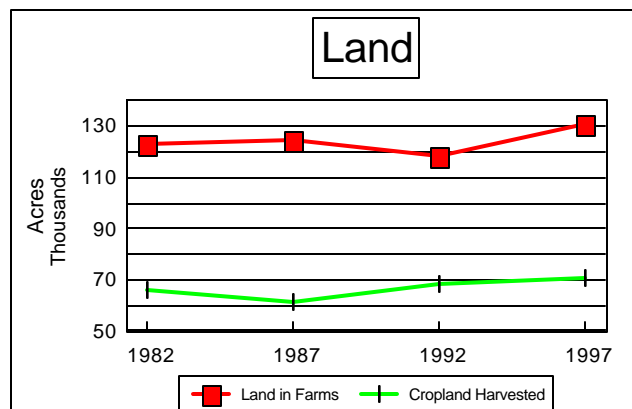
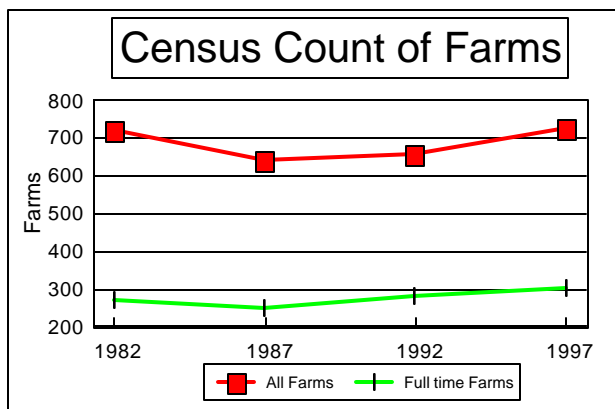
Increased 88 percent to \$70,202,000 in 1997.

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 71 percent from \$56,644 in 1992 to \$96,697 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	70,202	12	36	823	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	61,311	11	36	398	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,891	25	36	1,953	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	23,476	5	34	85	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	21,779	5	36	28	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	8,897	7	34	120	2,739
Dairy products	5,433	12	33	603	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,856	13	30	263	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	9	25	656	1,882
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	31	5	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	6,094	29	36	1,993	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	13	17	611
Sheep and lambs sold	3,677	17	36	308	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,764	31	36	2,257	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	8	35	632	2,620
Colony of bees inventory	5,587	3	32	96	2,588
Rabbit inventory	(D)	2	35	15	2,456
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,378	19	36	348	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Field seeds-acres	(D)	4	27	4	1,212
Land used for vegetables-acres	10,295	4	34	64	2,741
Hay crops-acres	8,157	27	36	1,896	3,061
All nursery-acres	6,212	6	34	28	2,619
Wheat-acres	4,338	17	31	1,127	2,612

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	497	476	4
\$10,000 or more	229	182	26
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,475	37,030	23
Average per farmdollars..	62,552	56,362	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	23,221	638	3540
Average per farmdollars..	31,941	971	3189
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	611	579	6
Partnership or corporation	106	74	43
Other	9	5	80
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	301	284	6
Other	425	374	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	609	574	6
Female	117	84	39
Operators by race:			
White	712	647	10
Black and other races	14	11	27
Average age of operator	54.3	52.4	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.