

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service



UNION OREGON

Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 473,316 acres in 1992 to 531,990 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 630 acres in 1992 to 639 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 322 farms in 1992 to 365 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

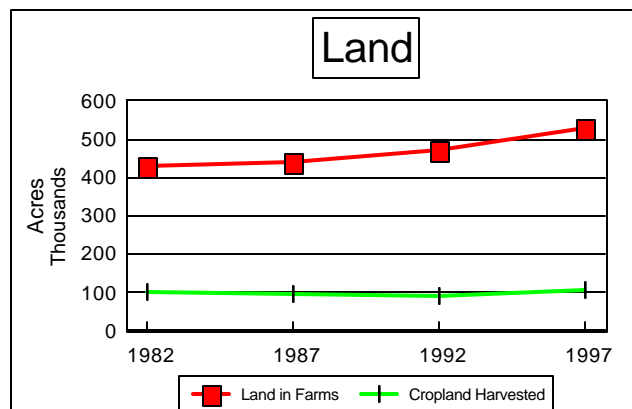
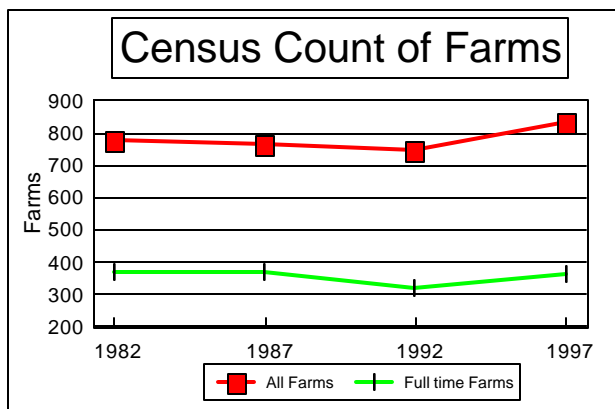
Increased 3 percent to \$47,731,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$61,814 in 1992 to \$57,369 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	47,731	18	36	1,246	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	33,746	18	36	857	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,984	21	36	1,582	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	12,249	12	36	741	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	11,463	6	30	119	2,237
Wheat	8,997	7	31	238	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	8,288	15	36	75	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	15	34	448	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	27,184	12	36	720	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	2	13	20	611
Sheep and lambs sold	2,286	20	36	424	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	32	890	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	414	20	36	2,139	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	45,999	12	36	681	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,217	15	36	176	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,196	21	36	499	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	840	17	36	1,297	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	438	15	36	1,931	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	42,236	6	36	389	3,061
Wheat-acres	36,394	7	31	386	2,612
Mint for oil-acres	9,226	1	16	5	77
Barley-acres	7,617	6	27	154	1,411
Field seeds-acres	7,236	12	27	40	1,212

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	475	446	7
\$10,000 or more	357	305	17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,606	38,501	-10
Average per farmdollars..	41,594	51,266	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,677	7,596	27
Average per farmdollars..	11,631	10,114	15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	748	660	13
Partnership or corporation	75	83	-10
Other	9	8	13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	365	322	13
Other	467	429	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	758	701	8
Female	74	50	48
Operators by race:			
White	828	743	11
Black and other races	4	8	-50
Average age of operator	54.9	53.6	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.