

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,152,965 acres in 1992 to 1,135,198 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 2,528 acres in 1992 to 2,415 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 264 farms in 1992 to 262 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

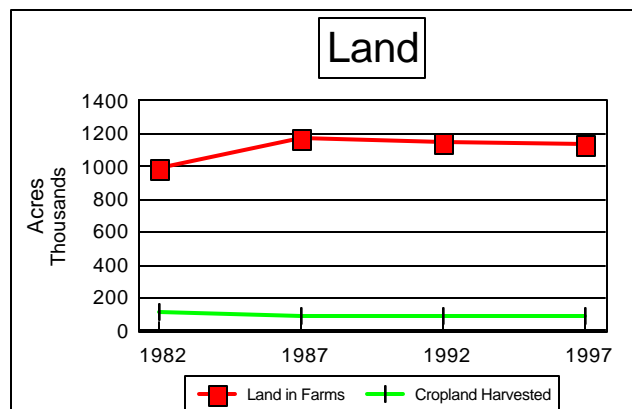
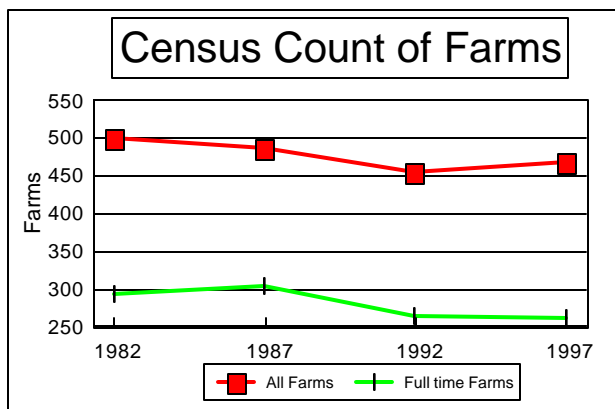
Increased 17 percent to \$56,987,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$106,891 in 1992 to \$121,249 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	56,987	15	36	1,048	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	47,194	14	36	589	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,793	24	36	1,874	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	32,256	3	34	62	2,547
Wheat	12,034	6	31	180	2,578
Cattle and calves	9,021	17	36	980	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,154	24	36	790	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	22	34	1,002	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	31	757	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	19,022	17	36	1,041	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	32	448	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	7	36	1,568	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	516	28	36	1,222	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	35,009	17	36	957	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	3	35	364	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	6	36	848	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	28	358	1,790
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	36	267	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	63,369	5	31	273	2,612
Hay crops-acres	10,684	26	36	1,651	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	8,375	6	34	86	2,693
Barley-acres	2,413	9	27	255	1,411
Total herbs-acres	(D)	1	19	14	649

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	218	185	18
\$10,000 or more	252	271	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	42,762	35,721	20
Average per farmdollars..	90,983	78,335	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,370	12,305	9
Average per farmdollars..	28,447	26,984	5
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	393	383	3
Partnership or corporation	72	70	3
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	262	264	-1
Other	208	192	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	436	424	3
Female	34	32	6
Operators by race:			
White	460	452	2
Black and other races	10	4	150
Average age of operator	54.5	52.6	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.