

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service



## COLUMBIA OREGON

### Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 71,839 acres in 1992 to 65,567 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 96 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 214 farms in 1992 to 235 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

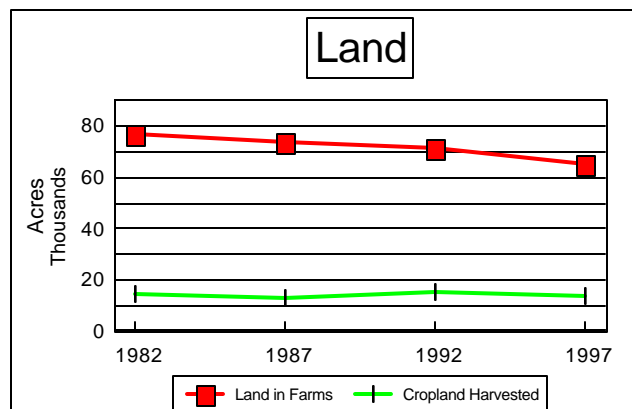
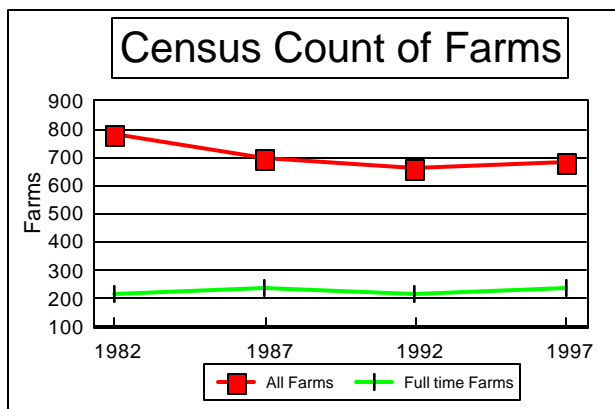
Increased 103 percent to \$24,851,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 95 percent from \$18,552 in 1992 to \$36,225 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	24,851	27	36	1,923	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,236	19	36	1,251	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,614	30	36	2,398	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	7	34	114	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,438	28	36	2,016	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	17	33	1,110	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	672	27	36	1,328	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	475	21	34	473	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	6,789	27	36	1,916	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	8	31	82	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	847	25	36	909	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	16	32	847	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	201	15	31	1,229	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,250	28	36	1,966	3,064
Rabbit inventory	(D)	3	35	19	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	1,018	25	36	724	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	985	25	36	964	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	924	16	36	727	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,789	25	36	1,638	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,660	11	34	168	2,619
Wheat-acres	(D)	25	31	1,850	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	13	23	1,724	2,473
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	177	10	29	126	1,965

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 .....	583	557	5
\$10,000 or more .....	103	104	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	15,440	12,820	20
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,507	19,394	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	9,350	474	1873
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,629	717	1801
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	641	619	4
Partnership or corporation .....	37	38	-3
Other .....	8	4	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	235	214	10
Other .....	451	447	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	592	570	4
Female .....	94	91	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	676	657	3
Black and other races .....	10	4	150
Average age of operator .....	54.2	53.7	1

(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.