

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



## CENTRE PENNSYLVANIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 139,918 acres in 1992 to 135,982 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 191 acres in 1992 to 173 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 464 farms in 1992 to 449 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

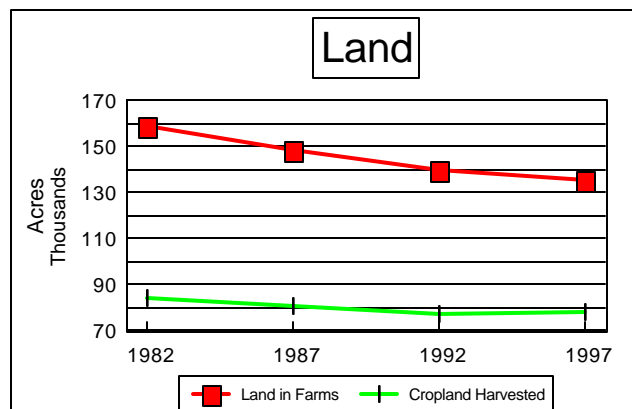
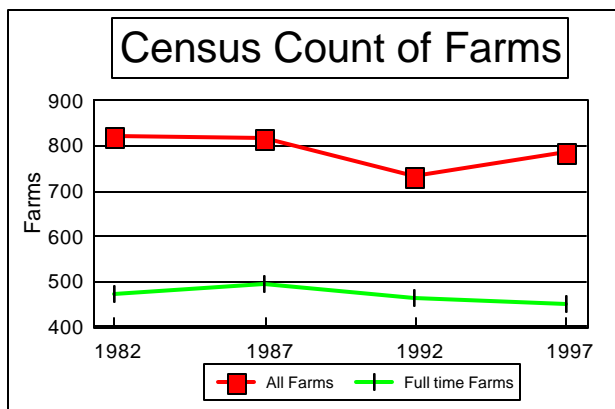
Increased 13 percent to \$50,518,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$60,998 in 1992 to \$64,109 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                   | 50,518   | 24    | 67        | 1,188 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 37,242   | 24    | 67        | 728   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 13,276   | 23    | 67        | 1,573 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Dairy products  | 29,342   | 15    | 67        | 145   | 2,563     |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,326    | 25    | 67        | 1,573 | 3,063     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 3,574    | 28    | 66        | 500   | 2,790     |
| Corn for grain  | 3,356    | 18    | 66        | 937   | 2,582     |
| Hogs and pigs   | 2,317    | 20    | 67        | 774   | 2,976     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | (D)      | 21    | 53        | 674   | 1,882     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 19,881   | 21    | 67        | 814   | 2,976     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)      | 16    | 59        | 206   | 2,200     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 13,508   | 20    | 67        | 1,331 | 3,063     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)      | 33    | 62        | 852   | 2,203     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 33,922   | 14    | 67        | 994   | 3,064     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 13,600   | 34    | 66        | 777   | 3,002     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 10,108   | 20    | 67        | 804   | 3,005     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 9,151    | 12    | 65        | 165   | 2,884     |
| Broiler inventory   | 6,438    | 20    | 62        | 638   | 2,620     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 34,703   | 22    | 66        | 544   | 3,061     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 20,520   | 16    | 66        | 809   | 2,691     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 9,152    | 17    | 66        | 142   | 2,473     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 7,361    | 17    | 58        | 1,095 | 2,144     |
| Oats-acres  | 3,681    | 13    | 63        | 180   | 2,332     |

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 .....                       | 325    | 283    | 15             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 463    | 451    | 3              |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 37,805 | 34,591 | 9              |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 48,037 | 47,062 | 2              |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 10,841 | 9,177  | 18             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 13,776 | 12,486 | 10             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 694    | 650    | 7              |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 83     | 76     | 9              |
| Other .....                                    | 11     | 8      | 38             |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 449    | 464    | -3             |
| Other .....                                    | 339    | 270    | 26             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 718    | 691    | 4              |
| Female .....                                   | 70     | 43     | 63             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 786    | 731    | 8              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 2      | 3      | -33            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 51.7   | 51.9   | -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.