

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



## COLUMBIA PENNSYLVANIA

### Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 101,816 acres in 1992 to 110,408 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 170 acres in 1992 to 157 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 18 percent from 310 farms in 1992 to 366 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

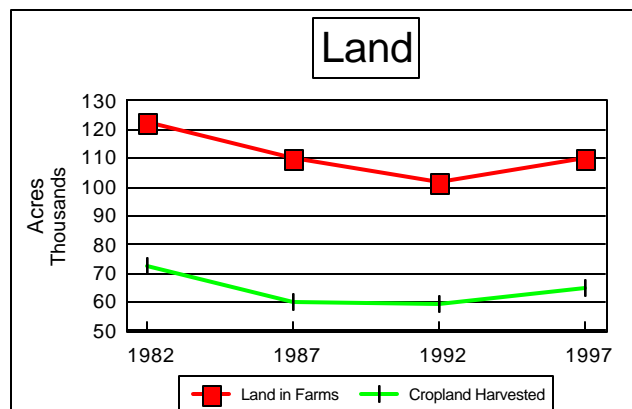
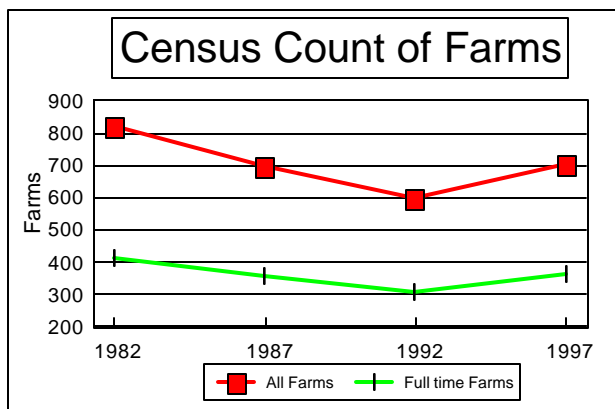
Increased 34 percent to \$38,239,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 14 percent from \$47,627 in 1992 to \$54,471 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	38,239	33	67	1,484	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	22,487	11	67	1,171	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,752	37	67	1,468	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,983	15	66	232	2,790
Dairy products	7,271	43	67	480	2,563
Corn for grain	4,821	13	66	818	2,582
Hogs and pigs	4,574	10	67	562	2,976
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,872	4	66	279	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	674,345	16	53	493	1,882
Turkeys sold (D)		20	52	315	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	46,703	11	67	546	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		36	62	873	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,352	47	67	2,263	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		19	66	405	3,002
Broiler inventory	40,504	18	62	571	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	22,183	11	67	554	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	11,900	45	67	1,987	3,064
All turkeys inventory (D)		21	63	332	2,361
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	21,268	13	66	796	2,691
Hay crops-acres	17,271	43	66	1,177	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,238	13	58	1,017	2,144
All nursery-acres	5,445	2	65	35	2,619
Wheat-acres	3,560	15	61	1,209	2,612

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 .....	382	317	21
\$10,000 or more .....	320	281	14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	32,884	25,183	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	47,315	42,112	12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,685	4,510	-40
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,824	7,541	-49
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	633	533	19
Partnership or corporation .....	69	63	10
Other .....	-	2	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	366	310	18
Other .....	336	288	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	657	565	16
Female .....	45	33	36
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	702	598	17
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	53.9	52.8	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.