

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 32,526 acres in 1992 to 26,944 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 96 acres in 1992 to 81 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 151 farms in 1992 to 116 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

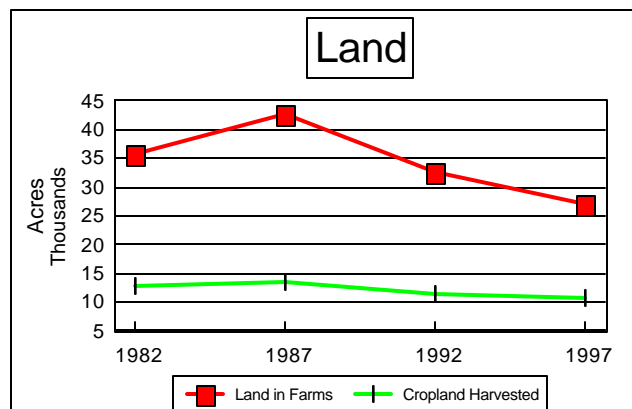
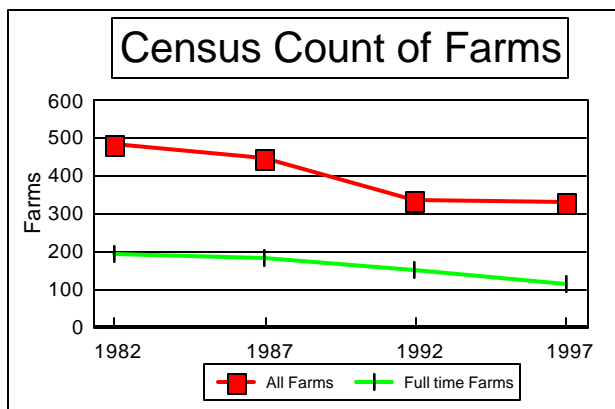
Decreased 21 percent to \$9,037,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 20 percent from \$33,708 in 1992 to \$27,058 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	9,037	54	67	2,554	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,897	38	67	1,960	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,140	60	67	2,707	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,271	24	66	441	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,576	12	66	422	2,739
All other livestock & products	(D)	4	50	47	1,649
Dairy products	579	63	67	1,672	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	457	58	66	1,699	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	764	60	67	2,874	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	31	52	464	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	482	53	67	2,071	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	369	44	65	1,417	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	350	40	53	1,134	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,801	40	66	906	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	2,671	59	67	2,771	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,045	18	67	689	3,066
All turkeys inventory	(D)	25	63	388	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	615	43	65	1,273	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,939	58	66	1,918	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	979	58	66	1,872	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	679	21	66	569	2,741
Oats-acres	539	54	63	939	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	223	62	66	1,778	2,473

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	220	224	-2
\$10,000 or more	114	114	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,788	9,945	-52
Average per farmdollars..	14,334	29,423	-51
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,236	1,318	-6
Average per farmdollars..	3,702	3,898	-5
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	290	295	-2
Partnership or corporation	40	41	-2
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	116	151	-23
Other	218	187	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	288	293	-2
Female	46	45	2
Operators by race:			
White	331	338	-2
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	56.1	56.0	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.