

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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## DAUPHIN PENNSYLVANIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 90,298 acres in 1992 to 86,522 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 313 farms in 1992 to 314 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

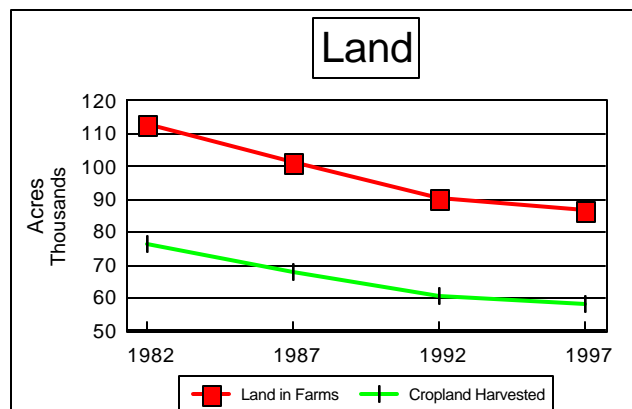
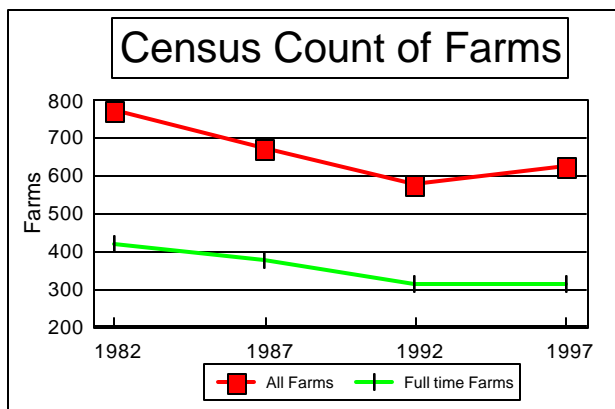
Increased 8 percent to \$53,592,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

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

Increased slightly from \$85,180 in 1992 to \$85,747 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	53,592	21	67	1,119	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	41,433	19	67	643	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,158	26	67	1,636	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	20,391	10	66	275	2,901
Dairy products	14,108	28	67	285	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,583	23	67	1,518	3,063
Corn for grain	3,441	16	66	930	2,582
Soybeans	2,157	14	58	960	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,523,897	8	53	280	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	810,502	9	62	108	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	250,147	4	59	30	2,200
Turkeys sold	157,500	16	52	215	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	18,733	23	67	831	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	683,892	8	66	115	3,002
Broiler inventory	652,161	8	62	294	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	202,506	6	63	73	2,549
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	65	16	2,884
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	9	51	190	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	19,216	39	66	1,074	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	17,144	20	66	872	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,125	14	58	1,025	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	5,259	28	66	290	2,473
Wheat-acres	4,868	13	61	1,069	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 .....	279	269	4
\$10,000 or more .....	346	311	11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	45,359	40,055	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	72,458	69,300	5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,371	8,447	-25
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,178	14,615	-30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	546	511	7
Partnership or corporation .....	73	67	9
Other .....	6	2	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	314	313	0
Other .....	311	267	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	580	535	8
Female .....	45	45	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	624	580	8
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	52.8	52.6	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.