

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 16,371 acres in 1992 to 17,094 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 113 acres in 1992 to 118 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 57 farms in 1992 to 50 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

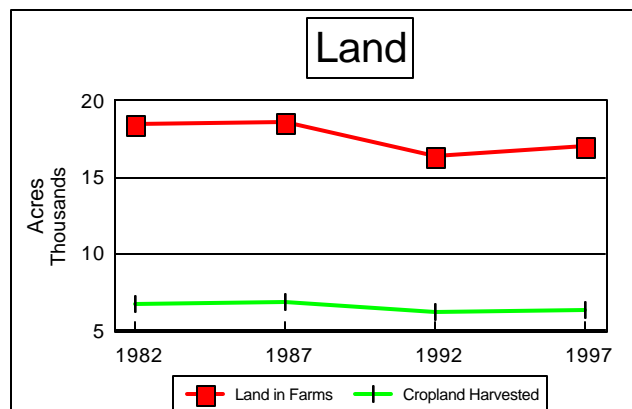
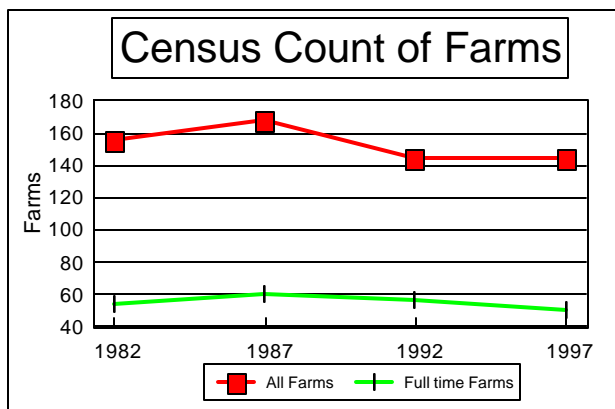
Decreased 33 percent to \$2,062,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 33 percent from \$21,212 in 1992 to \$14,223 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	2,062	63	67	2,940	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,441	61	67	2,817	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	621	64	67	2,832	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,099	59	67	1,357	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	290	61	66	2,089	3,043
Cattle and calves	290	61	67	2,868	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	153	51	66	1,175	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	111	64	66	1,989	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	913	59	67	2,840	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	157	60	67	2,469	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	46	59	1,318	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	49	58	933	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	57	62	1,913	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,578	60	67	2,777	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	520	58	66	1,653	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	19	65	769	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	157	53	65	1,725	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	123	61	67	2,797	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,286	60	66	2,234	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	475	59	66	1,450	2,473
Oats-acres	436	58	63	1,040	2,332
Corn for grain-acres	411	62	66	2,104	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	108	51	66	1,200	2,741

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	107	108	-1
\$10,000 or more	38	37	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,748	2,925	-40
Average per farmdollars..	12,052	20,173	-40
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	194	112	73
Average per farmdollars..	1,339	773	73
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	133	134	-1
Partnership or corporation	12	11	9
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	50	57	-12
Other	95	88	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	138	135	2
Female	7	10	-30
Operators by race:			
White	145	145	
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.1	51.6	3

(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.