

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 4,702 acres in 1992 to 5,362 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 21 percent from 131 acres in 1992 to 158 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 50 percent from 10 farms in 1992 to 15 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

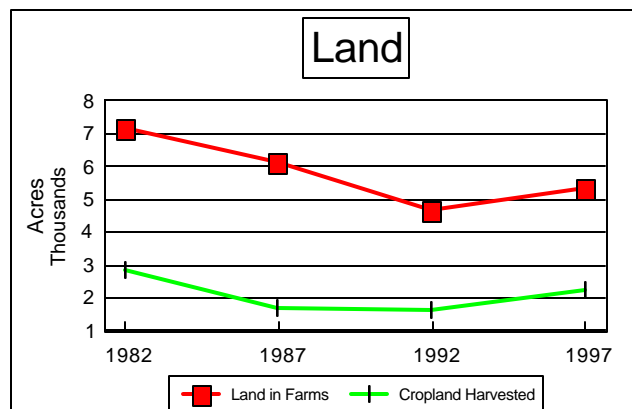
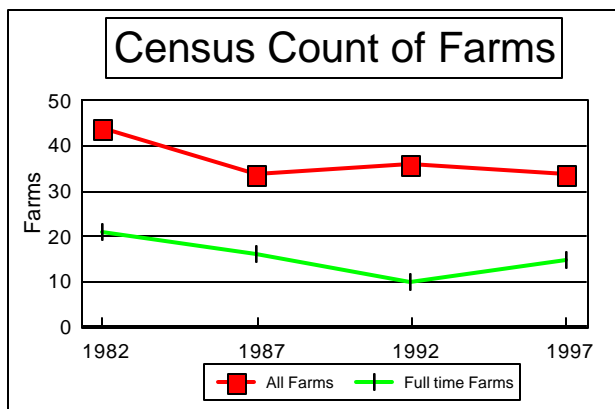
Increased 74 percent to \$1,011,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 85 percent from \$16,113 in 1992 to \$29,743 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	1,011	65	67	3,004	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	824	63	67	2,909	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	187	66	67	2,990	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	629	61	67	1,635	2,563
Cattle and calves	140	63	67	2,946	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	77	64	66	2,745	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	69	62	66	1,525	2,739
Hogs and pigs	32	59	67	2,237	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	352	63	67	2,951	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	290	58	67	2,276	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	43	61	1,782	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	59	65	2,467	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	64	65	2,594	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	953	63	67	2,941	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	161	58	67	2,333	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	65	66	2,471	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	88	64	67	2,889	3,066
All goat inventory	(D)	52	66	2,276	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,591	63	66	2,777	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	338	64	66	2,158	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	254	61	66	1,732	2,473
Oats-acres	185	60	63	1,416	2,332
Land used for vegetables-acres	52	60	66	1,533	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	20	25	-20
\$10,000 or more	14	11	27
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,048	494	112
Average per farmdollars..	30,825	13,715	125
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(37)	86	-143
Average per farmdollars..	(1,082)	2,398	-145
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	32	32	
Partnership or corporation	2	4	-50
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	15	10	50
Other	19	26	-27
Operators by sex:			
Male	32	34	-6
Female	2	2	
Operators by race:			
White	34	36	-6
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	58.4	52.6	11

(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.