

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



LACKAWANNA PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 20 percent from 36,963 acres in 1992 to 29,509 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 155 acres in 1992 to 124 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 130 farms in 1992 to 129 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

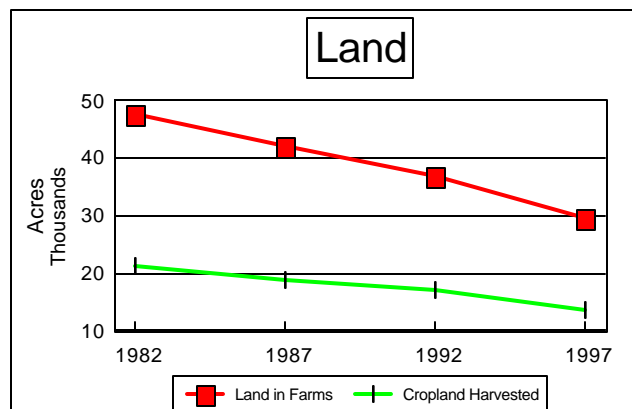
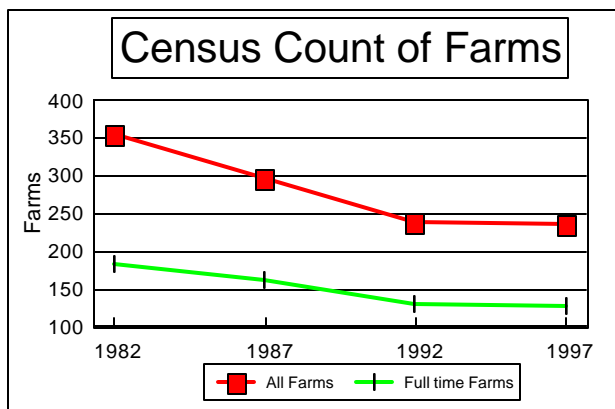
Decreased 3 percent to \$11,123,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 2 percent from \$47,869 in 1992 to \$46,736 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	11,123	53	67	2,451	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,575	46	67	2,071	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,548	54	67	2,291	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	3,913	53	67	743	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,689	33	66	598	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,725	9	66	390	2,739
Cattle and calves	959	56	67	2,563	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	633	55	66	1,401	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	26	52	391	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	24	53	735	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	21	59	427	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,723	53	67	2,528	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	436	54	67	2,119	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,146	56	67	2,567	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	36	62	1,030	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	409	61	66	1,846	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	387	47	67	1,920	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	240	57	65	1,776	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,081	54	66	1,716	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,178	11	66	408	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	1,121	55	66	991	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,049	57	66	1,853	2,691
Wheat-acres	937	38	61	1,684	2,612

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	124	124	
\$10,000 or more	114	115	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,517	7,945	7
Average per farmdollars..	35,937	33,243	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,496	3,315	-55
Average per farmdollars..	6,312	13,869	-54
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	210	211	-0
Partnership or corporation	28	26	8
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	129	130	-1
Other	109	109	
Operators by sex:			
Male	213	207	3
Female	25	32	-22
Operators by race:			
White	238	239	-0
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.5	56.1	-1

(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.