

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 57,960 acres in 1992 to 53,774 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 113 acres in 1992 to 108 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 228 farms in 1992 to 203 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

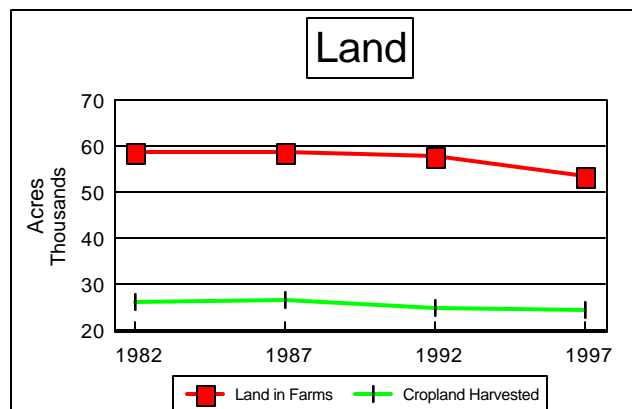
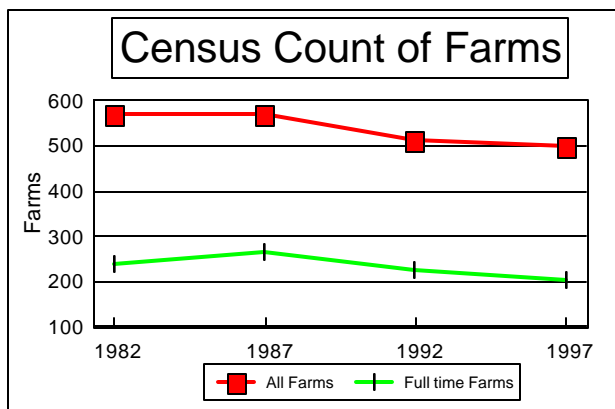
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$24,042 in 1992 to \$24,886 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	12,418	52	67	2,401	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,394	51	67	2,097	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,024	48	67	2,121	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	5,576	47	67	586	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,767	32	66	587	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,083	52	67	2,508	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	788	51	66	1,182	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	474	37	66	766	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	24,077	27	62	755	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	3,506	50	67	2,393	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,663	41	67	1,454	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	719	30	65	1,015	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	38	53	1,127	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	24,894	28	66	717	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	10	63	366	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	9,126	48	67	2,226	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	15	51	357	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,229	43	67	1,521	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	15,695	46	66	1,268	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,347	47	66	1,381	2,691
Oats-acres	1,934	30	63	377	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,811	51	66	736	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,120	36	61	1,626	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	333	349	-5
\$10,000 or more	166	163	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,944	8,923	0
Average per farmdollars..	17,923	17,497	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,851	2,383	-22
Average per farmdollars..	3,709	4,672	-21
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	446	464	-4
Partnership or corporation	51	46	11
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	203	228	-11
Other	296	284	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	452	459	-2
Female	47	53	-11
Operators by race:			
White	497	506	-2
Black and other races	2	6	-67
Average age of operator	54.2	53.7	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.