

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



LUZERNE PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Increased 15 percent from 49,850 acres in 1992 to 57,317 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 133 acres in 1992 to 127 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 201 farms in 1992 to 217 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

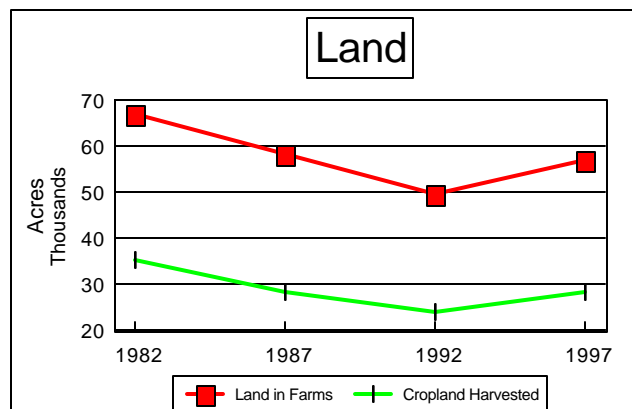
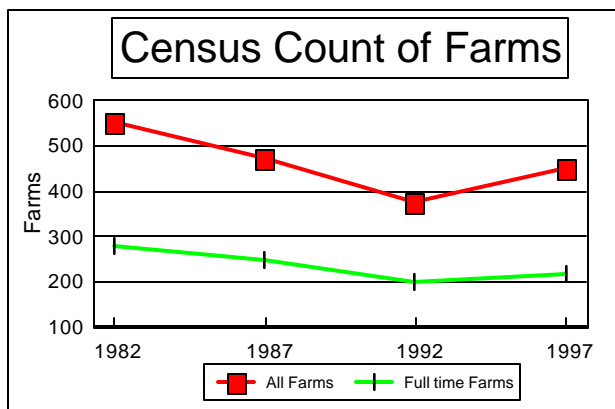
Increased 23 percent to \$18,317,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$39,446 in 1992 to \$40,613 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	18,317	48	67	2,172	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,255	25	67	1,634	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,061	53	67	2,243	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,510	21	66	426	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,703	3	66	232	2,739
Dairy products	3,641	54	67	777	2,563
Corn for grain	1,531	38	66	1,200	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	29	66	932	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	21	62	582	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,620	55	67	2,544	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	31	53	920	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	826	50	67	1,867	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	800	13	58	242	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	21	66	475	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,626	55	67	2,507	3,064
Broiler inventory	1,218	24	62	758	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	747	38	65	1,151	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	572	48	67	1,831	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,090	50	66	1,502	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	7,276	40	66	1,183	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,373	4	66	255	2,741
Oats-acres	1,644	37	63	437	2,332
Wheat-acres	1,511	32	61	1,532	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	259	211	23
\$10,000 or more	192	165	16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,493	11,050	13
Average per farmdollars..	27,762	29,465	-6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,760	1,414	166
Average per farmdollars..	8,355	3,771	122
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	396	327	21
Partnership or corporation	53	49	8
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	217	201	8
Other	234	175	34
Operators by sex:			
Male	416	352	18
Female	35	24	46
Operators by race:			
White	445	375	19
Black and other races	6	1	500
Average age of operator	54.8	54.0	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.