

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 160,802 acres in 1992 to 166,616 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 154 acres in 1992 to 162 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 595 farms in 1992 to 533 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

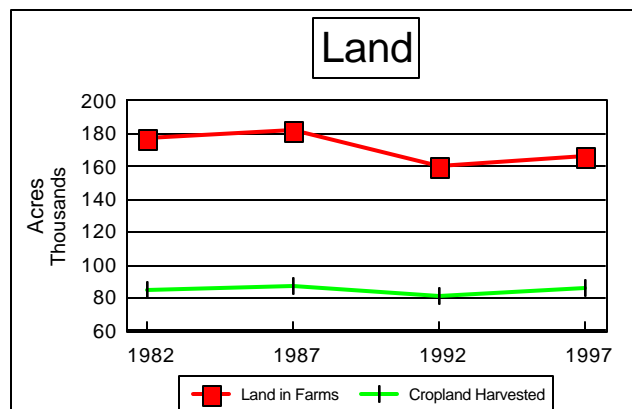
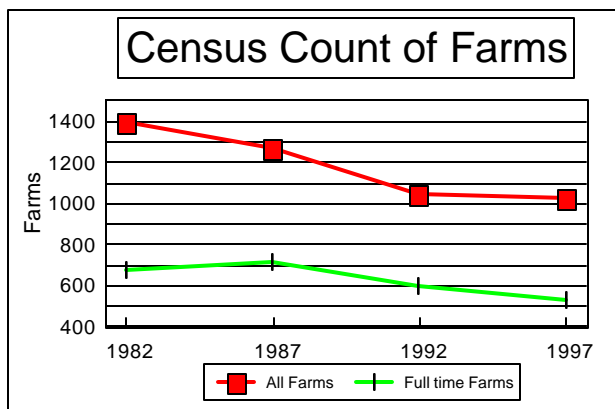
Increased 12 percent to \$46,096,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$39,322 in 1992 to \$44,753 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	46,096	27	67	1,280	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	28,115	26	67	933	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	17,981	19	67	1,347	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	19,875	19	67	211	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,993	14	66	231	2,790
Cattle and calves	5,697	17	67	1,362	3,063
Corn for grain	3,635	15	66	915	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,325	16	66	319	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	2	9	44	191
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	62	816	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	14,184	18	67	1,290	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	6,670	33	67	1,143	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,139	28	59	579	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,263	16	67	1,055	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	29	66	718	3,002
Mink inventory	(D)	4	8	54	239
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,118	32	67	1,082	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,339	11	65	474	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	39,695	15	66	435	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	23,376	11	66	760	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	9,822	15	66	126	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,042	16	58	1,067	2,144
Oats-acres	6,282	3	63	82	2,332

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	527	536	-2
\$10,000 or more	503	509	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,266	31,158	16
Average per farmdollars..	35,210	29,845	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,654	8,919	8
Average per farmdollars..	9,373	8,543	10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	928	953	-3
Partnership or corporation	96	89	8
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	533	595	-10
Other	497	450	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	965	986	-2
Female	65	59	10
Operators by race:			
White	1,029	1,044	-1
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	54.4	53.1	2

(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.