

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



MONTGOMERY PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 44,425 acres in 1992 to 41,552 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 96 acres in 1992 to 90 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 252 farms in 1992 to 223 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

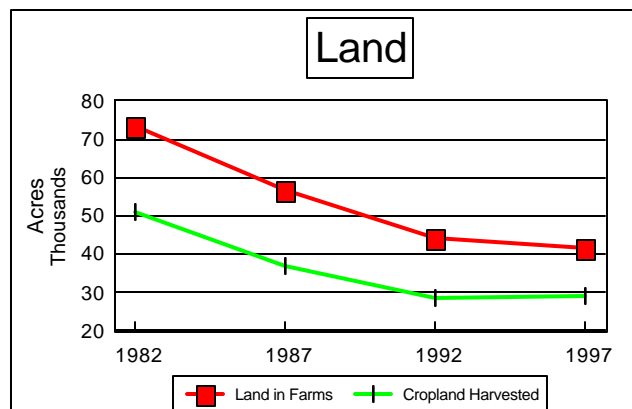
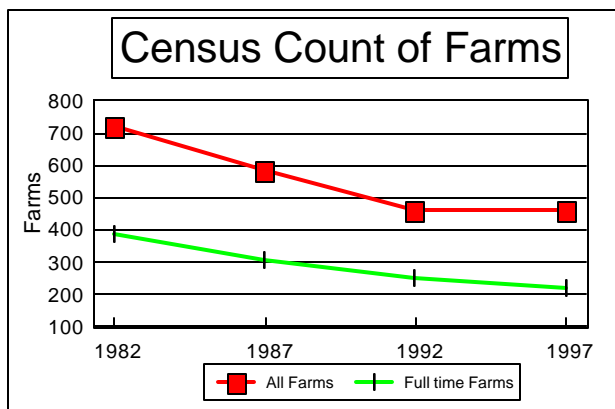
Increased 6 percent to \$29,395,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$60,118 in 1992 to \$63,625 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	29,395	36	67	1,745	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,730	20	67	1,406	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,664	42	67	1,664	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,113	10	66	200	2,790
Dairy products	4,970	50	67	641	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,777	39	67	1,912	3,063
Corn for grain	1,999	29	66	1,114	2,582
Hogs and pigs	1,902	22	67	824	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	19	52	296	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	20	62	578	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	19,410	22	67	818	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	6,461	40	67	1,947	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	4,588	3	58	45	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	22	66	490	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,209	21	67	845	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	8,812	49	67	2,255	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	4,018	15	63	407	2,549
Rabbit inventory	1,770	4	63	38	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,690	56	66	1,750	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	9,505	36	66	1,100	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,345	26	58	1,240	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,801	52	66	742	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,728	27	61	1,482	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	221	235	-6
\$10,000 or more	241	226	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	24,508	25,766	-5
Average per farmdollars..	53,279	55,891	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,177	2,884	45
Average per farmdollars..	9,081	6,256	45
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	370	382	-3
Partnership or corporation	87	74	18
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	223	252	-12
Other	239	209	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	406	411	-1
Female	56	50	12
Operators by race:			
White	461	458	1
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	55.7	54.6	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.