

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



NORTHAMPTON PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 81,479 acres in 1992 to 78,317 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 208 acres in 1992 to 198 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 227 farms in 1992 to 222 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

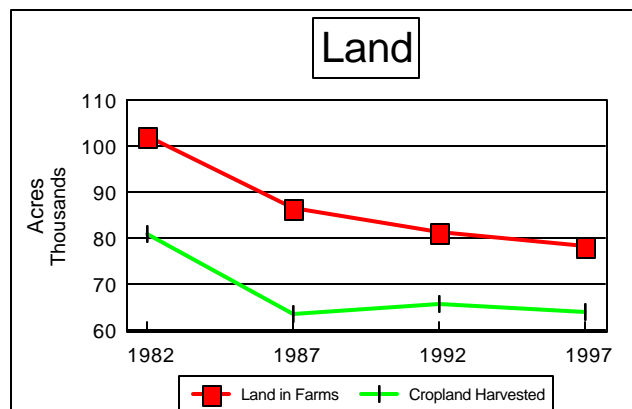
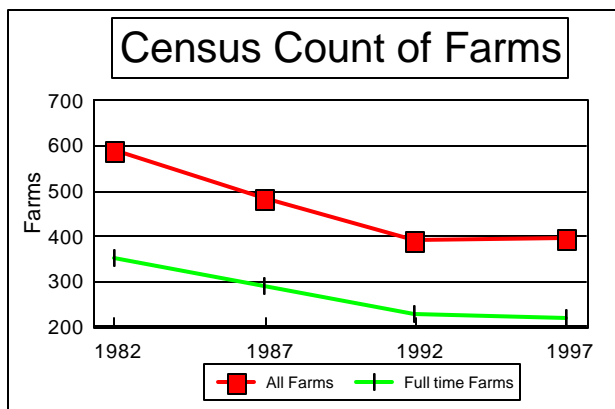
Decreased 3 percent to \$28,593,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$75,080 in 1992 to \$72,204 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	28,593	37	67	1,787	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,439	16	67	1,283	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,154	48	67	1,920	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	9,302	5	66	579	2,582
Dairy products	6,768	45	67	508	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,056	30	66	556	2,790
Soybeans	2,886	10	58	892	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,680	29	66	498	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	39	62	891	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	3,285	52	67	2,435	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,775	40	67	1,441	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	900	32	59	793	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	750	15	58	255	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	15,799	33	66	767	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	8,595	50	67	2,272	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,559	41	67	1,437	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	953	29	65	716	2,884
Rabbit inventory	601	10	63	143	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	33,308	6	66	642	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,929	12	58	969	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,647	53	66	1,654	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,958	12	61	1,064	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,483	46	66	583	2,473

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	172	176	-2
\$10,000 or more	224	215	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,549	24,278	-15
Average per farmdollars..	52,023	61,933	-16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,371	4,655	15
Average per farmdollars..	13,597	11,876	14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	321	321	
Partnership or corporation	75	68	10
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	222	227	-2
Other	174	164	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	359	360	-0
Female	37	31	19
Operators by race:			
White	393	388	1
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	56.4	54.4	4

(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.