

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



BEDFORD PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 199,056 acres in 1992 to 198,824 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 212 acres in 1992 to 211 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 590 farms in 1992 to 546 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

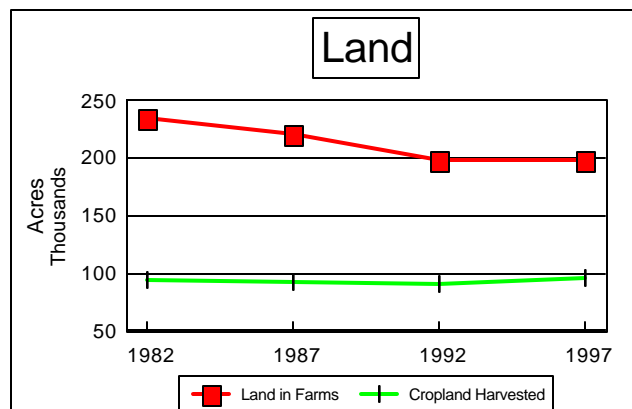
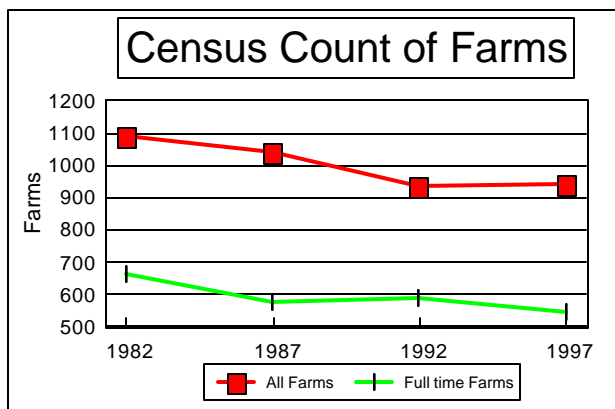
Increased 7 percent to \$58,065,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$57,963 in 1992 to \$61,575 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	58,065	19	67	1,025	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	48,272	15	67	537	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,792	30	67	1,765	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	38,714	9	67	106	2,563
Cattle and calves	6,184	14	67	1,285	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,008	6	66	153	3,043
Hogs and pigs	2,775	18	67	718	2,976
Corn for grain	2,066	28	66	1,107	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	48,400	10	67	530	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	17,882	13	67	1,096	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,340	25	53	759	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	1,594	14	65	566	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	589	44	62	1,046	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	48,828	7	67	630	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	15,025	16	67	681	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,463	41	66	918	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,152	14	65	506	2,864
Broiler inventory	857	27	62	821	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	61,168	7	66	171	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	20,575	4	66	31	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	13,983	27	66	942	2,691
Oats-acres	3,792	12	63	172	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,765	34	58	1,447	2,144

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	485	479	1
\$10,000 or more	458	459	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	43,063	41,680	3
Average per farmdollars..	45,763	44,435	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,352	11,617	15
Average per farmdollars..	14,189	12,385	15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	848	841	1
Partnership or corporation	91	96	-5
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	546	590	-7
Other	397	348	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	882	879	0
Female	61	59	3
Operators by race:			
White	943	938	1
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.1	52.6	3

(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.