

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



## PERRY PENNSYLVANIA

### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 104,292 acres in 1992 to 114,882 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Unchanged from 186 acres in 1992 to 186 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 329 farms in 1992 to 322 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

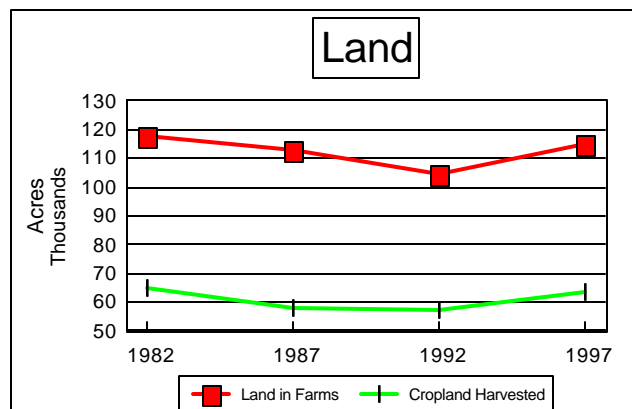
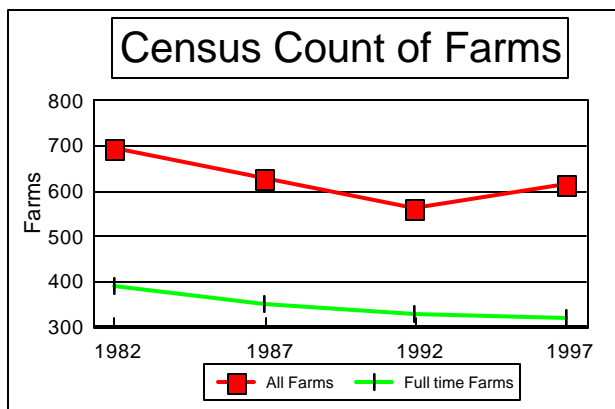
Increased 45 percent to \$58,647,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$72,081 in 1992 to \$94,898 in 1997.



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**Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997**

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	58,647	17	67	1,015	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	49,501	13	67	516	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,146	33	67	1,813	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	19,899	12	66	283	2,901
Dairy products	18,675	20	67	227	2,563
Hogs and pigs	5,641	8	67	493	2,976
Cattle and calves	5,113	19	67	1,448	3,063
Corn for grain	2,675	22	66	1,015	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,605,005	7	53	277	1,882
Turkeys sold	806,328	5	52	91	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	62	233	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	51,071	9	67	513	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	10,572	27	67	1,566	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,052,612	6	62	233	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	13	66	267	3,002
All turkeys inventory	186,416	6	63	120	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	27,264	9	67	485	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	23,664	25	67	1,369	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	31,295	25	66	642	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	13,903	28	66	946	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	6,780	22	66	208	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,657	19	58	1,128	2,144
Wheat-acres	3,875	14	61	1,176	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

**Other County Summary Highlights**

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	289	238	21
\$10,000 or more .....	329	324	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	47,143	31,897	48
Average per farm .....dollars..	76,407	56,757	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,581	7,165	-8
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,666	12,749	-16
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	556	504	10
Partnership or corporation .....	59	55	7
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	322	329	-2
Other .....	296	233	27
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	588	546	8
Female .....	30	16	88
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	618	562	10
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	53.6	52.6	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.