

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## POTTER PENNSYLVANIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 90,065 acres in 1992 to 83,462 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 307 acres in 1992 to 286 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 189 farms in 1992 to 162 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

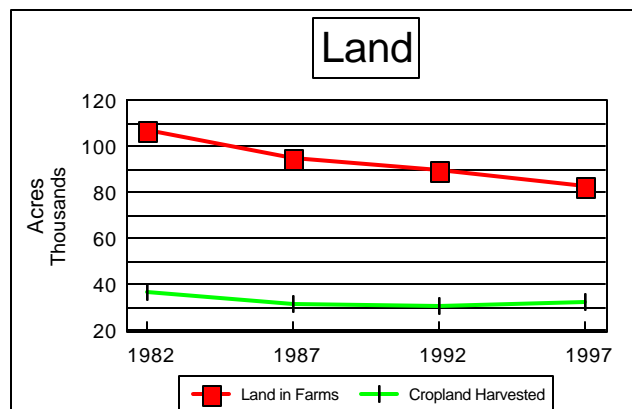
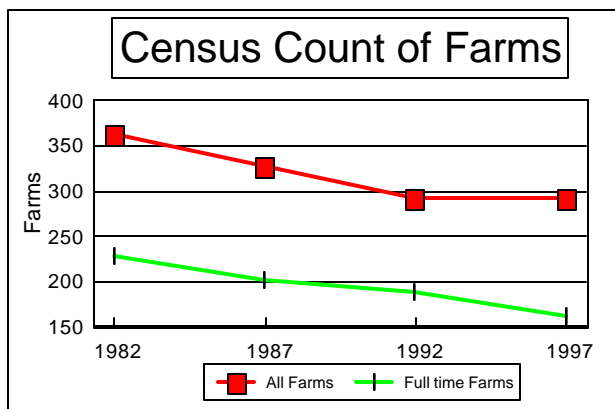
Increased 5 percent to \$19,780,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$64,576 in 1992 to \$67,738 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	19,780	47	67	2,114	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,898	38	67	1,517	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,882	49	67	2,137	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	10,545	32	67	362	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,156	26	67	1,601	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,570	13	66	423	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,444	36	66	601	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,068	5	63	461	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,011	28	67	1,608	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	654	52	67	1,958	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	259	51	65	1,592	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	45	53	1,442	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	56	30	65	1,529	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,221	40	67	1,891	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	447	60	66	1,767	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	340	53	65	1,608	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	304	53	67	2,202	3,066
Broiler inventory	155	49	62	1,427	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	22,573	33	66	906	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,259	32	66	354	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,036	7	66	289	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	1,866	53	66	1,670	2,691
Oats-acres	1,261	42	63	536	2,332

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 .....	161	139	16
\$10,000 or more .....	131	154	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	13,094	15,361	-15
Average per farm .....dollars..	44,844	52,425	-14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,475	2,637	32
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,899	9,000	32
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	269	267	1
Partnership or corporation .....	22	26	-15
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	162	189	-14
Other .....	130	104	25
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	268	282	-5
Female .....	24	11	118
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	291	293	-1
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	53.8	53.0	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.