

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 219,933 acres in 1992 to 206,298 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 226 acres in 1992 to 215 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 611 farms in 1992 to 596 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

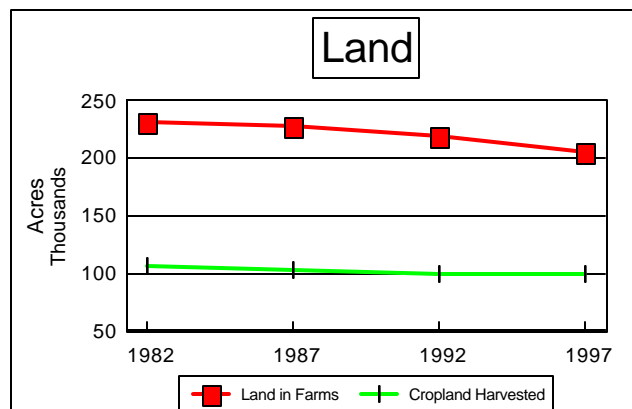
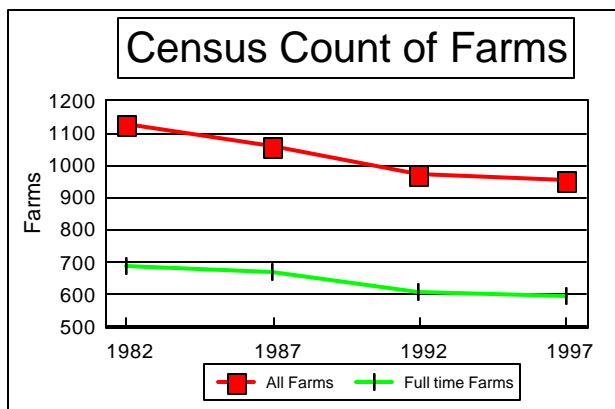
Increased 4 percent to \$59,914,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$58,926 in 1992 to \$62,541 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	59,914	15	67	986	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	52,313	12	67	478	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,601	36	67	1,913	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	39,449	8	67	103	2,563
Cattle and calves	10,285	8	67	870	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,309	17	66	324	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,906	35	66	713	2,790
Corn for grain	1,765	34	66	1,152	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	134,350	19	62	412	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	25,147	6	67	771	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,704	37	67	1,344	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	2,949	5	65	348	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	748	34	59	838	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	20	66	472	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	47,245	8	67	655	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	10	51	235	1,790
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,578	4	65	329	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,171	36	67	1,314	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	64,667	5	66	148	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	14,964	24	66	913	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	14,794	8	66	65	2,473
Oats-acres	7,825	1	63	60	2,332
Barley-acres	3,454	6	58	217	1,411

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	415	419	-1
\$10,000 or more	543	554	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,678	42,366	8
Average per farmdollars..	47,680	43,497	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,203	13,667	-11
Average per farmdollars..	12,737	14,031	-9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	856	863	-1
Partnership or corporation	98	105	-7
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	596	611	-2
Other	362	362	
Operators by sex:			
Male	902	918	-2
Female	56	55	2
Operators by race:			
White	958	972	-1
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	52.9	52.3	1

(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.