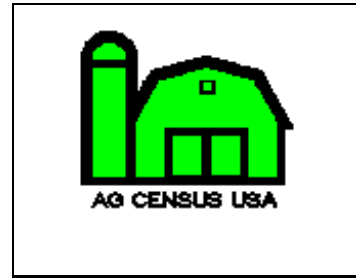


1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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SUSQUEHANNA PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 177,215 acres in 1992 to 168,514 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 250 acres in 1992 to 240 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 489 farms in 1992 to 442 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

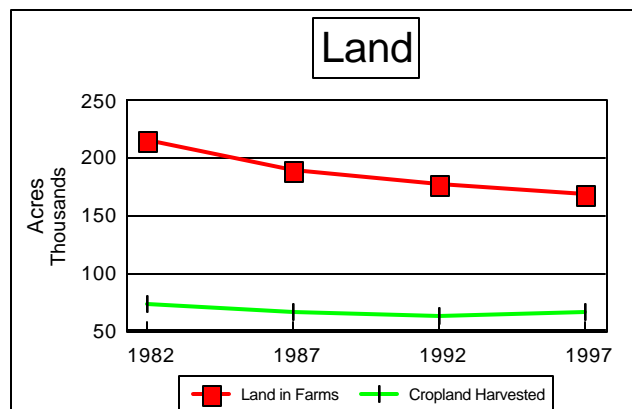
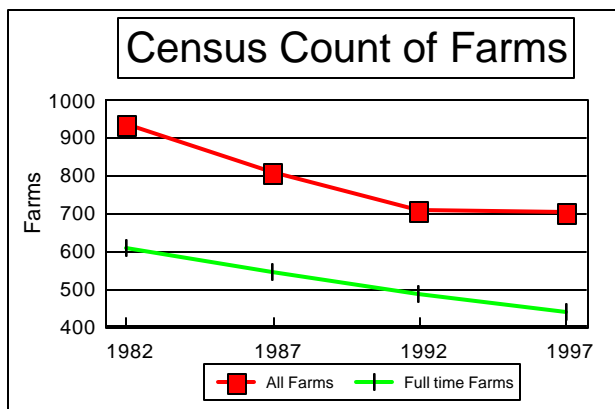
Increased 2 percent to \$43,016,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$59,258 in 1992 to \$61,190 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 | 43,016 | 30 | 67 | 1,361 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 39,894 | 22 | 67 | 675 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 3,122 | 55 | 67 | 2,357 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Dairy products | 31,087 | 13 | 67 | 138 | 2,563 |
| Cattle and calves | 7,932 | 10 | 67 | 1,090 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 1,779 | 27 | 66 | 465 | 3,043 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 774 | 51 | 66 | 1,106 | 2,790 |
| Hogs and pigs | 551 | 34 | 67 | 1,177 | 2,976 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 18,181 | 12 | 67 | 1,081 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | (D) | 24 | 67 | 936 | 2,976 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | 2,821 | 5 | 58 | 88 | 1,593 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 1,622 | 12 | 65 | 557 | 2,765 |
| Turkeys sold | (D) | 30 | 52 | 455 | 1,353 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 36,101 | 13 | 67 | 922 | 3,064 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | (D) | 28 | 67 | 1,040 | 3,005 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 1,684 | 48 | 66 | 1,000 | 3,002 |
| Rabbit inventory | 1,534 | 5 | 63 | 44 | 2,456 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 1,178 | 27 | 65 | 835 | 2,864 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 60,581 | 8 | 66 | 178 | 3,061 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 7,681 | 20 | 66 | 176 | 2,473 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 1,419 | 54 | 66 | 1,743 | 2,691 |
| All nursery-acres | 715 | 26 | 65 | 401 | 2,619 |
| Oats-acres | 520 | 56 | 63 | 964 | 2,332 |

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 | 314 | 321 | -2 |
| \$10,000 or more | 389 | 389 | |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 33,055 | 32,950 | 0 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 46,887 | 46,343 | 1 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 7,715 | 8,431 | -8 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 10,943 | 11,858 | -8 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 636 | 645 | -1 |
| Partnership or corporation | 66 | 64 | 3 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 442 | 489 | -10 |
| Other | 261 | 221 | 18 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 643 | 654 | -2 |
| Female | 60 | 56 | 7 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 702 | 707 | -1 |
| Black and other races | 1 | 3 | -67 |
| Average age of operator | 55.0 | 54.5 | 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.