

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 63,159 acres in 1992 to 63,247 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 140 acres in 1992 to 127 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 326 farms in 1992 to 317 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

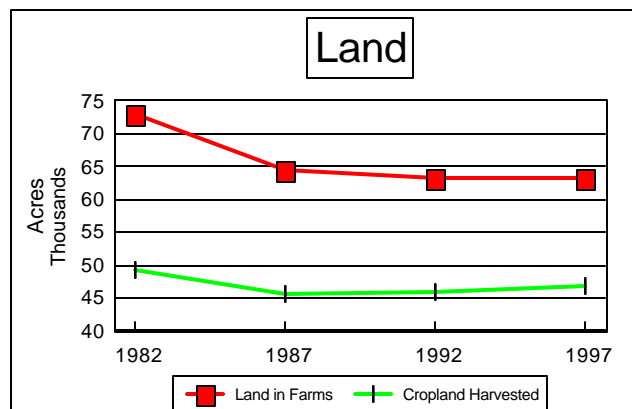
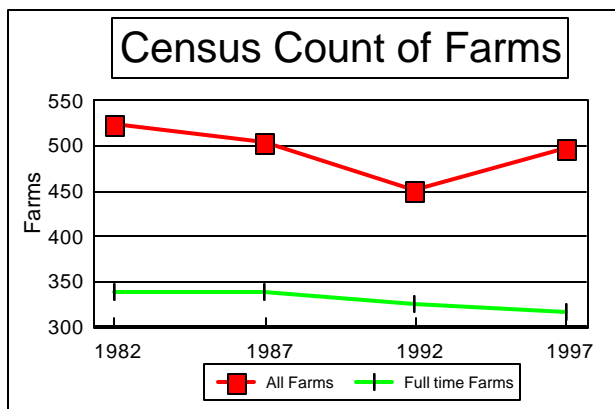
Increased 32 percent to \$49,406,000 in 1997.

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 20 percent from \$82,935 in 1992 to \$99,208 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	49,406	25	67	1,210	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	41,111	21	67	646	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,295	35	67	1,870	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	16,666	25	67	248	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	14,764	13	66	357	2,901
Hogs and pigs	4,897	9	67	539	2,976
Cattle and calves	4,613	22	67	1,512	3,063
Corn for grain	2,569	23	66	1,030	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,736,825	6	53	270	1,882
Turkeys sold	378,748	9	52	143	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	62	340	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	41,769	13	67	587	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	11,354	23	67	1,499	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	769,885	7	62	272	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	205,584	15	66	292	3,002
All turkeys inventory	112,113	11	63	155	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,496	14	67	601	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	18,838	32	67	1,598	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,205	45	66	1,244	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	13,267	30	66	965	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,027	15	58	1,033	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	5,285	27	66	289	2,473
Wheat-acres	2,247	23	61	1,386	2,612

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	157	124	27
\$10,000 or more	341	327	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,320	27,592	32
Average per farmdollars..	72,931	61,180	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,990	9,359	7
Average per farmdollars..	20,061	20,751	-3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	461	411	12
Partnership or corporation	36	40	-10
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	317	326	-3
Other	181	125	45
Operators by sex:			
Male	482	439	10
Female	16	12	33
Operators by race:			
White	498	451	10
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	48.1	48.7	-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.