

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



VENANGO PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 52,760 acres in 1992 to 46,186 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 152 acres in 1992 to 132 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 155 farms in 1992 to 143 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

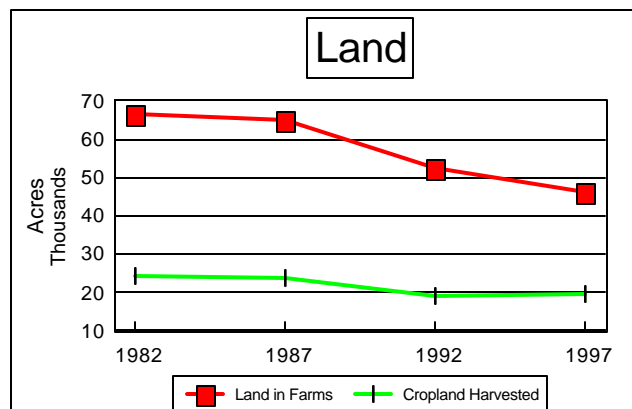
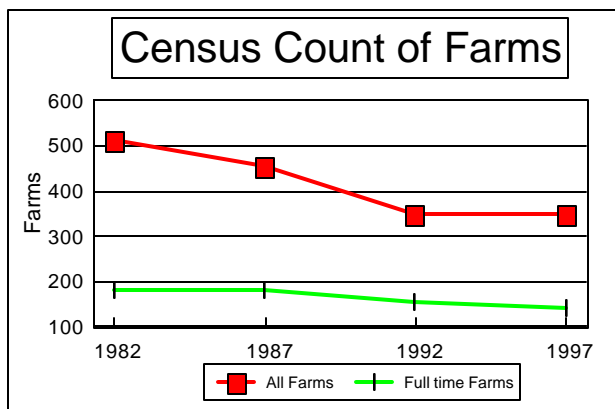
Increased 2 percent to \$6,515,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 1 percent from \$18,353 in 1992 to \$18,560 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	6,515	60	67	2,685	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,754	57	67	2,381	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,760	59	67	2,558	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	3,487	55	67	797	2,563
Cattle and calves	986	54	67	2,549	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	515	59	66	1,328	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	506	56	66	1,597	3,043
Corn for grain	493	50	66	1,575	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,415	23	59	472	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,687	54	67	2,534	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,059	48	67	1,793	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	523	36	65	1,210	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	23	61	728	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,672	51	67	2,350	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,929	21	65	354	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	669	40	65	1,222	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	527	51	67	1,858	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	525	57	66	1,644	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,830	49	66	1,436	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,266	51	66	1,487	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,888	49	66	721	2,473
Oats-acres	1,311	40	63	522	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	550	44	58	1,699	2,144

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	242	238	2
\$10,000 or more	109	110	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,694	5,416	5
Average per farmdollars..	16,223	15,519	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	330	590	-44
Average per farmdollars..	940	1,691	-44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	317	319	-1
Partnership or corporation	33	27	22
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	143	155	-8
Other	208	193	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	328	326	1
Female	23	22	5
Operators by race:			
White	351	348	1
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.3	53.7	-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.