

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



## WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 203,026 acres in 1992 to 186,190 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 148 acres in 1992 to 142 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 666 farms in 1992 to 597 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

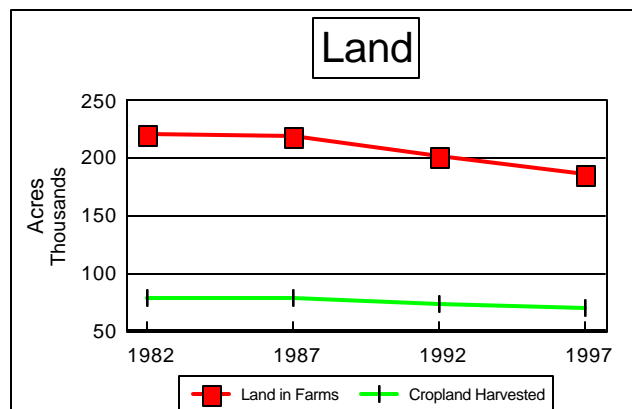
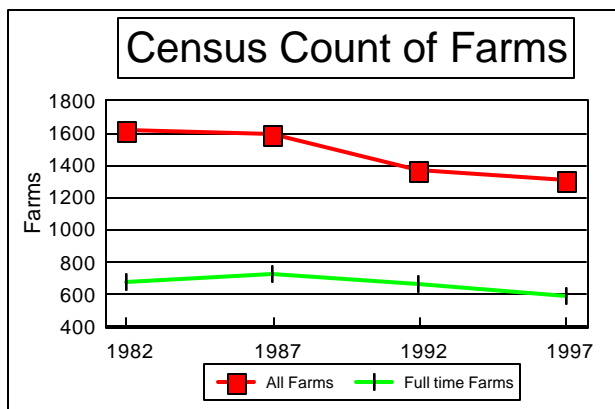
Decreased 1 percent to \$26,606,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 3 percent from \$19,687 in 1992 to \$20,357 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	26,606	39	67	1,866	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,352	36	67	1,424	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,254	28	67	1,736	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	10,054	34	67	376	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,760	21	67	1,492	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,014	26	66	461	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,226	9	66	210	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,277	17	66	480	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	13,681	19	67	1,319	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	5,224	2	65	227	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	3,727	36	67	1,341	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,127	30	53	916	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	43	62	1,022	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	33,247	15	67	1,021	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,894	1	65	185	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,243	42	66	937	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	2,163	5	67	188	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,684	39	67	1,410	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	59,973	9	66	180	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,833	45	66	1,260	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	3,187	39	66	466	2,473
Oats-acres	1,990	28	63	368	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	748	43	58	1,643	2,144

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 .....	911	989	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	396	380	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	22,235	22,955	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,999	16,743	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,776	2,900	30
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,887	2,115	37
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,203	1,263	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	98	101	-3
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	597	666	-10
Other .....	710	703	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,155	1,245	-7
Female .....	152	124	23
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,302	1,366	-5
Black and other races .....	5	3	67
Average age of operator .....	57.0	56.7	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.