

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



WESTMORELAND PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 153,897 acres in 1992 to 147,823 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 135 acres in 1992 to 143 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 579 farms in 1992 to 500 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

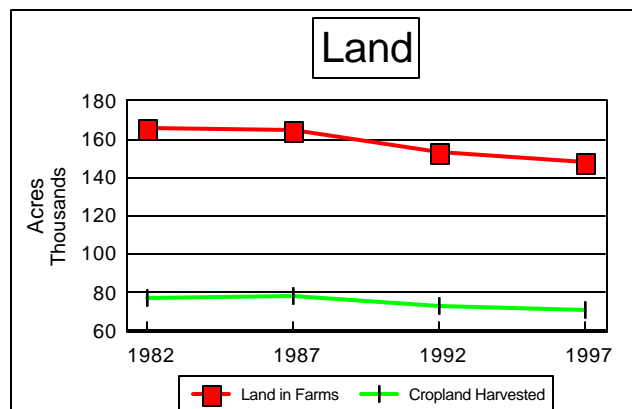
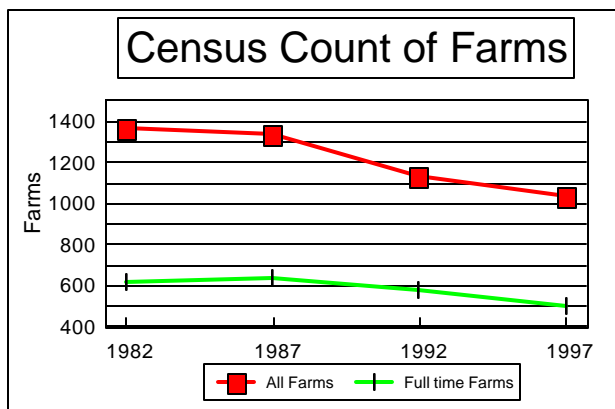
Decreased 6 percent to \$36,458,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$33,901 in 1992 to \$35,226 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	36,458	34	67	1,534	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,041	32	67	1,249	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	16,417	21	67	1,423	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	12,873	30	67	301	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,572	11	66	212	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,844	20	67	1,479	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,138	20	66	362	3,043
Corn for grain	2,096	27	66	1,099	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	28	62	762	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	24	52	362	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	11,322	25	67	1,504	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,851	30	67	1,088	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	5,711	1	65	205	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	26	66	706	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	24,960	22	67	1,319	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,532	29	67	1,048	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	3,040	20	65	345	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,533	9	65	437	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	38,985	16	66	450	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	17,867	19	66	858	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	5,221	29	66	295	2,473
Oats-acres	4,666	8	63	140	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,517	28	58	1,354	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	611	722	-15
\$10,000 or more	424	417	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	26,925	32,432	-17
Average per farmdollars..	26,014	28,474	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,205	6,162	1
Average per farmdollars..	5,995	5,410	11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	914	979	-7
Partnership or corporation	114	152	-25
Other	7	8	-13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	500	579	-14
Other	535	560	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	931	1,051	-11
Female	104	88	18
Operators by race:			
White	1,032	1,138	-9
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	56.2	55.9	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.