

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 76,790 acres in 1992 to 83,534 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 113 acres in 1992 to 113 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 349 farms in 1992 to 351 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

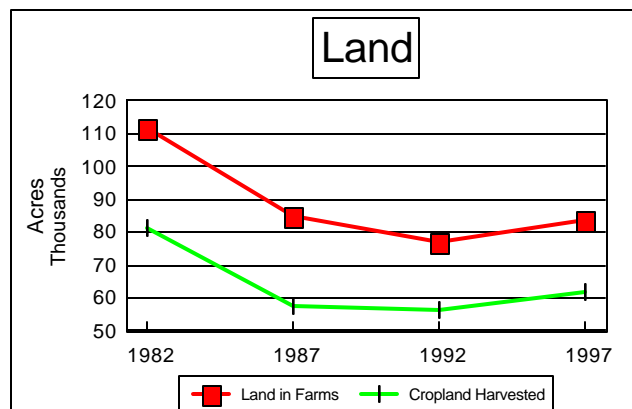
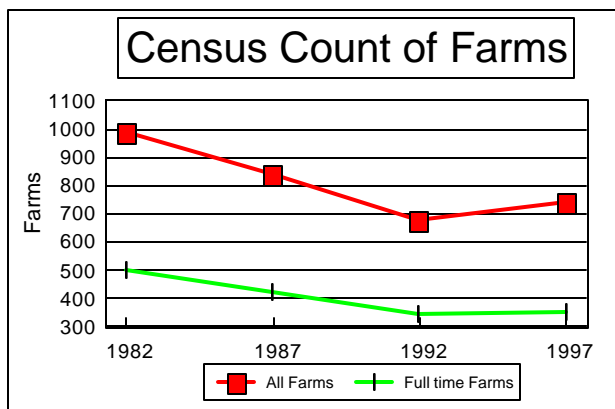
Increased 13 percent to \$69,717,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$90,901 in 1992 to \$94,339 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	69,717	11	67	830	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	55,126	5	67	472	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,591	40	67	1,534	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	39,036	3	66	48	2,790
Dairy products	7,191	44	67	481	2,563
Corn for grain	5,373	10	66	780	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,280	2	66	210	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	19	66	664	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	23	52	361	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	22	53	691	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	37	62	875	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	5,470	2	58	36	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	3,824	48	67	2,347	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	10,832	36	66	801	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	9,548	47	67	2,184	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	23	63	358	2,361
Rabbit inventory	2,558	2	63	25	2,456
Broiler inventory	2,260	22	62	694	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	20,914	14	66	802	2,691
Hay crops-acres	18,114	42	66	1,130	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	12,016	10	58	940	2,144
All nursery-acres	3,059	3	65	77	2,619
Wheat-acres	2,512	20	61	1,339	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	372	336	11
\$10,000 or more	367	344	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	51,112	49,232	4
Average per farmdollars..	69,257	72,400	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,448	12,769	37
Average per farmdollars..	23,642	18,779	26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	582	547	6
Partnership or corporation	153	126	21
Other	4	7	-43
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	351	349	1
Other	388	331	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	647	609	6
Female	92	71	30
Operators by race:			
White	735	674	9
Black and other races	4	6	-33
Average age of operator	54.9	53.8	2

(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.