

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



FERRY WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 748,088 acres in 1992 to 809,816 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 3,876 acres in 1992 to 4,524 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 104 farms in 1992 to 101 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

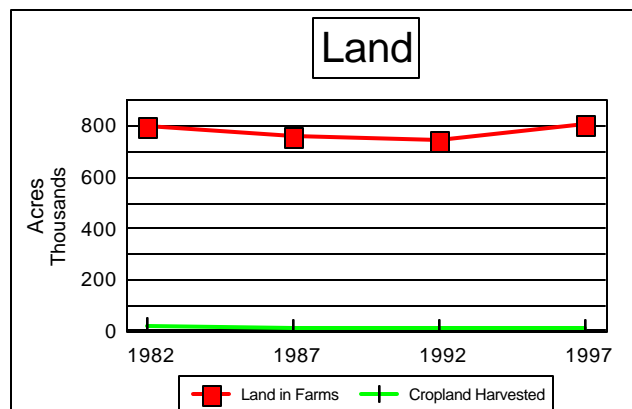
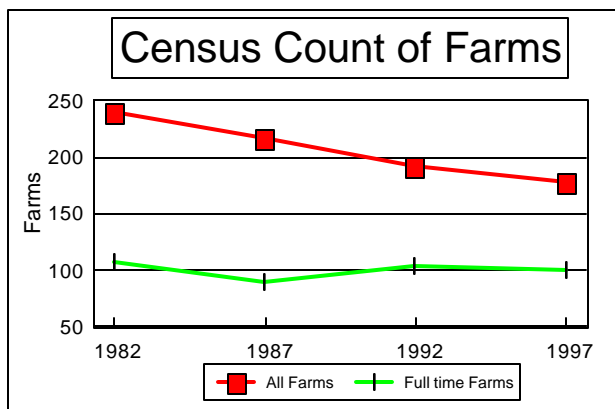
Increased 11 percent to \$5,013,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$23,315 in 1992 to \$28,007 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	5,013	34	39	2,765	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,685	30	39	2,496	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,328	35	39	2,641	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,233	23	39	1,803	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,017	19	39	913	3,043
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	15	38	1,181	2,901
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	28	38	661	2,547
Horses and ponies	96	25	39	1,402	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	11	34	871	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,118	23	39	1,879	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	290	25	39	1,530	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	186	14	39	398	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	36	37	39	2,774	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	39	760	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	10,992	26	39	2,056	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,237	17	39	541	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	301	29	39	1,672	2,864
Broiler inventory	270	19	36	1,184	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,214	21	39	1,492	3,061
Wheat-acres	736	21	31	1,762	2,612
Barley-acres	(D)	22	31	693	1,411
Oats-acres	172	15	27	1,442	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	106	21	39	1,010	2,693

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	100	126	-21
\$10,000 or more	79	67	18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,861	4,314	-11
Average per farmdollars..	21,571	22,470	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	633	(90)	803
Average per farmdollars..	3,539	(467)	858
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	161	181	-11
Partnership or corporation	14	10	40
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	101	104	-3
Other	78	89	-12
Operators by sex:			
Male	155	168	-8
Female	24	25	-4
Operators by race:			
White	164	174	-6
Black and other races	15	19	-21
Average age of operator	57.8	57.9	-0

(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.