

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



GRAYS HARBOR WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 44,742 acres in 1992 to 42,350 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 116 acres in 1992 to 109 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 172 farms in 1992 to 179 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

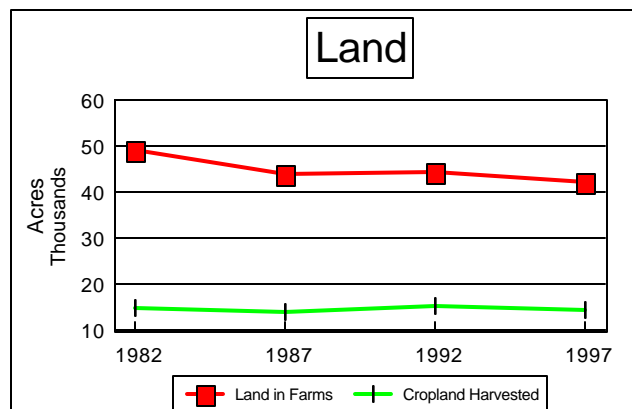
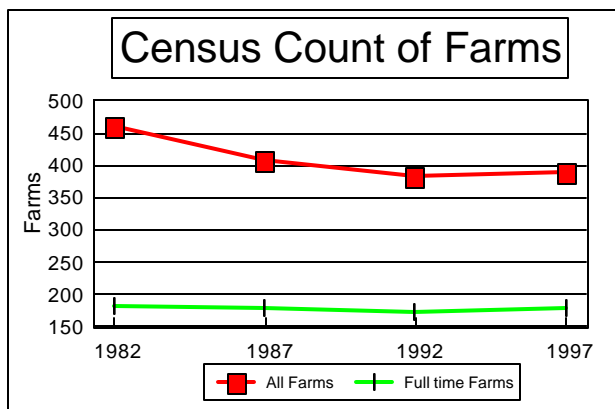
Decreased 19 percent to \$15,029,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 20 percent from \$48,251 in 1992 to \$38,635 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	15,029	28	39	2,299	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,135	20	39	1,850	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,894	29	39	2,135	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	7,617	13	31	467	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,202	26	39	2,093	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,532	18	38	253	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,465	21	37	820	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	882	17	37	579	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,338	26	39	2,118	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	459	16	29	1,083	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	210	31	39	2,382	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	168	29	39	1,805	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	75	23	39	1,229	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,771	23	39	1,864	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,495	15	39	370	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	610	19	39	1,523	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	387	27	39	1,547	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	186	25	39	2,291	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,335	20	39	1,481	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,401	12	37	251	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	679	12	32	1,272	2,473
All nursery-acres	454	19	36	577	2,619
Total herbs-acres	(D)	4	20	47	649

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	268	272	-1
\$10,000 or more	121	113	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,904	15,058	-21
Average per farmdollars..	30,680	39,213	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,427	1,299	87
Average per farmdollars..	6,255	3,383	85
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	349	340	3
Partnership or corporation	37	43	-14
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	179	172	4
Other	210	213	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	320	340	-6
Female	69	45	53
Operators by race:			
White	383	380	1
Black and other races	6	5	20
Average age of operator	53.9	54.6	-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.