

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 19,526 acres in 1992 to 15,900 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 70 acres in 1992 to 61 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 122 farms in 1992 to 112 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

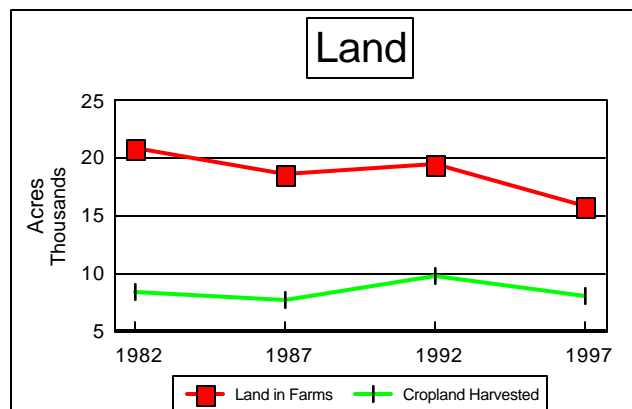
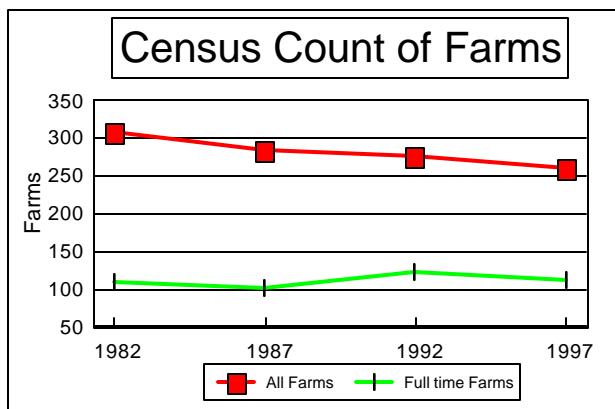
Increased 14 percent to \$10,538,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 21 percent from \$33,278 in 1992 to \$40,376 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	10,538	31	39	2,481	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,977	22	39	1,942	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,561	33	39	2,596	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	6,503	14	31	528	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,174	31	39	2,460	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	9	28	114	1,505
Nursery and greenhouse crops	894	23	37	1,023	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	271	30	39	2,143	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	3,125	31	39	2,463	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	15	29	1,026	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	117	30	39	1,955	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	45	29	39	1,770	3,015
All goats sold	34	26	37	1,678	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,918	29	39	2,410	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	487	30	39	1,630	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	347	30	39	1,961	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	158	33	39	1,968	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	95	31	38	2,016	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,608	23	39	1,949	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	850	9	32	1,136	2,473
Barley-acres	487	19	31	500	1,411
All nursery-acres	234	23	36	846	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	106	25	37	1,208	2,741

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 .....	195	219	-11
\$10,000 or more .....	66	59	12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,128	8,005	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	34,972	28,793	21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,218	1,088	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,665	3,912	19
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	227	252	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	34	26	31
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	112	122	-8
Other .....	149	156	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	214	239	-10
Female .....	47	39	21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	257	275	-7
Black and other races .....	4	3	33
Average age of operator .....	57.3	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.