

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 42,290 acres in 1992 to 41,653 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 35 acres in 1992 to 38 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 487 farms in 1992 to 472 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

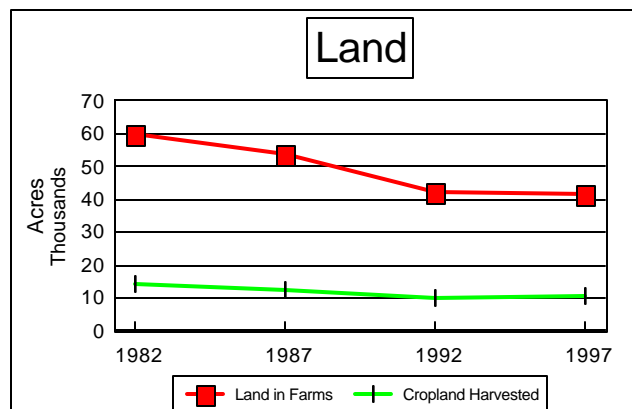
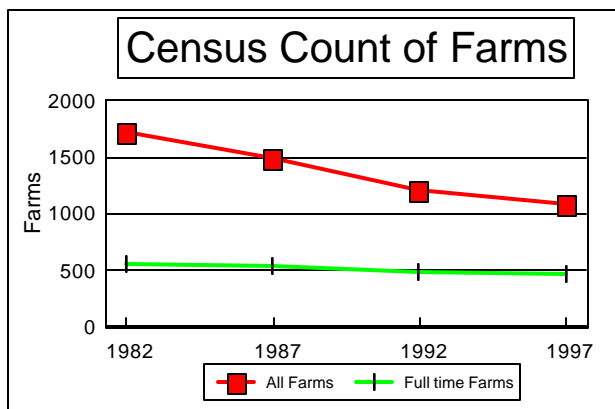
Increased 11 percent to \$93,791,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$69,245 in 1992 to \$85,968 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	93,791	16	39	565	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	55,263	9	39	443	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	38,528	16	39	744	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	43,634	5	31	87	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	31,944	3	37	60	2,790
Cattle and calves	5,438	18	39	1,407	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,320	9	37	177	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	13	38	697	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	14,528	17	39	1,272	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	5	7	74	191
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,406	12	29	718	1,882
Rabbits and their pelts sold	5,308	2	27	38	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,878	9	34	512	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,806	12	39	1,037	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	4,376	3	39	30	3,066
Mink inventory	(D)	5	8	71	239
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,831	13	39	904	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	1,955	6	35	310	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,253	24	39	1,991	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,403	17	37	362	2,741
All nursery-acres	804	15	36	372	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	740	11	32	1,227	2,473
Total herbs-acres	379	5	20	52	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	778	893	-13
\$10,000 or more	313	328	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	79,834	72,894	10
Average per farmdollars..	73,175	59,603	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,625	10,798	35
Average per farmdollars..	13,405	8,829	52
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	934	1,079	-13
Partnership or corporation	151	139	9
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	472	487	-3
Other	619	734	-16
Operators by sex:			
Male	793	977	-19
Female	298	244	22
Operators by race:			
White	1,036	1,179	-12
Black and other races	55	42	31
Average age of operator	54.8	53.3	3

(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.