

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



KITTITAS WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Decreased 50 percent from 355,360 acres in 1992 to 177,815 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 50 percent from 469 acres in 1992 to 235 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 391 farms in 1992 to 357 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

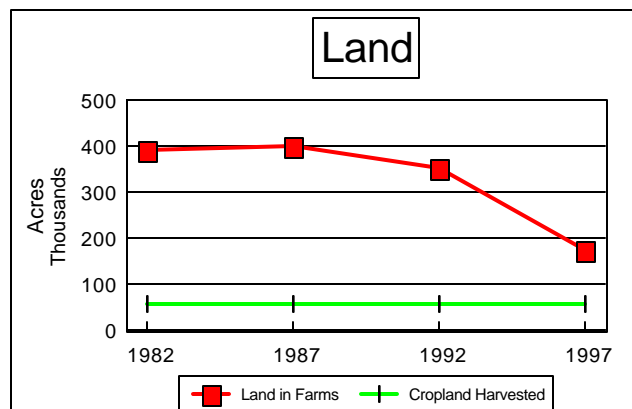
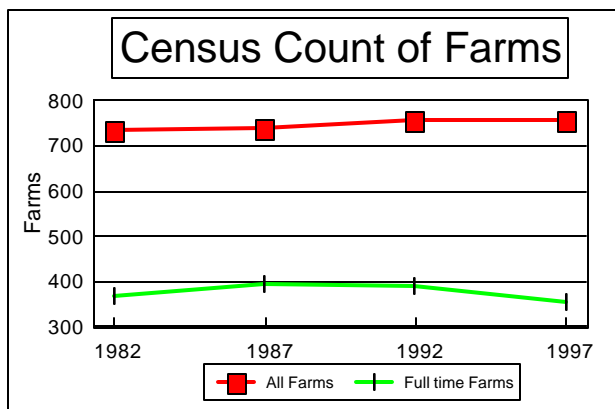
Increased 13 percent to \$79,634,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$92,713 in 1992 to \$105,196 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	79,634	18	39	710	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	48,077	14	39	577	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	31,556	12	39	847	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	28,381	4	39	258	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	21,965	3	39	27	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	20,502	10	38	84	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,836	10	37	283	2,739
Wheat	1,480	16	31	754	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	42,904	5	39	371	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	25,960	2	7	30	191
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	34	439	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,888	5	39	499	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	780	18	39	1,897	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	37,002	9	39	900	3,064
Mink inventory	8,423	2	8	39	239
Horse and pony inventory	2,478	8	39	142	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,360	5	39	469	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,242	12	38	602	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	45,655	5	39	331	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,224	17	31	1,041	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	4,437	8	37	154	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	2,236	11	39	198	2,693
Oats-acres	898	6	27	691	2,332

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	398	377	6
\$10,000 or more	359	381	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	63,172	60,630	4
Average per farmdollars..	83,451	79,881	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,600	9,077	94
Average per farmdollars..	23,249	11,959	94
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	668	676	-1
Partnership or corporation	83	81	2
Other	6	1	500
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	357	391	-9
Other	400	367	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	673	690	-2
Female	84	68	24
Operators by race:			
White	746	749	-0
Black and other races	11	9	22
Average age of operator	54.4	53.1	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.