

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



## MASON WASHINGTON

### Land in farms

Increased 82 percent from 10,965 acres in 1992 to 19,986 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 25 percent from 76 acres in 1992 to 95 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

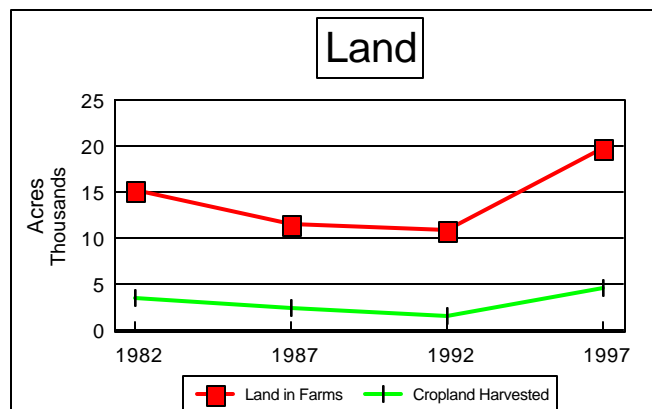
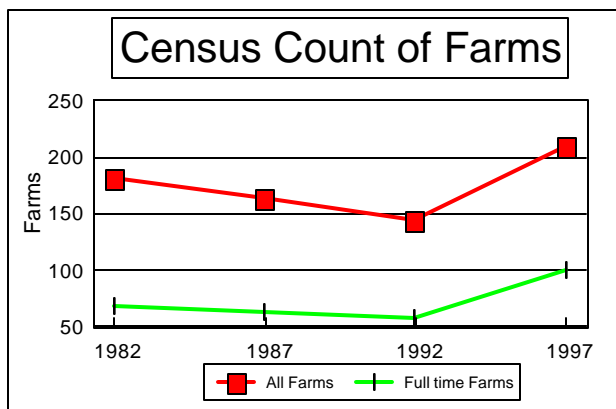
Increased 74 percent from 58 farms in 1992 to 101 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 1,017 percent to \$13,365,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 667 percent from \$8,258 in 1992 to \$63,340 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	13,365	29	39	2,362	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	(D)	19	39	1,843	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	(D)	31	39	2,351	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Aquaculture	(D)	1	28	17	1,505
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,744	16	37	590	2,790
Cattle and calves	349	37	39	2,837	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	284	29	39	2,106	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	108	25	37	1,342	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	855	37	39	2,853	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	480	24	39	2,073	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	13	27	570	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	90	33	39	2,049	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	89	29	34	1,401	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,218	36	39	2,811	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	400	27	39	1,861	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	384	31	39	1,928	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	236	27	38	1,471	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	168	24	35	898	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
All nursery-acres	2,445	5	36	105	2,619
Hay crops-acres	2,113	36	39	2,697	3,061
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	437	3	31	51	1,965
Land used for vegetables-acres	150	23	37	1,065	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	27	32	2,295	2,473

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 .....	156	124	26
\$10,000 or more .....	55	21	162
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,865	1,518	616
Average per farm .....dollars..	51,250	10,471	389
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,922	(364)	628
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,068	(2,512)	461
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	187	130	44
Partnership or corporation .....	24	14	71
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	101	58	74
Other .....	110	87	26
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	168	123	37
Female .....	43	22	95
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	205	143	43
Black and other races .....	6	2	200
Average age of operator .....	54.4	53.3	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.