

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



PACIFIC WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Increased 23 percent from 32,637 acres in 1992 to 40,228 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 20 percent from 132 acres in 1992 to 159 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 142 farms in 1992 to 150 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

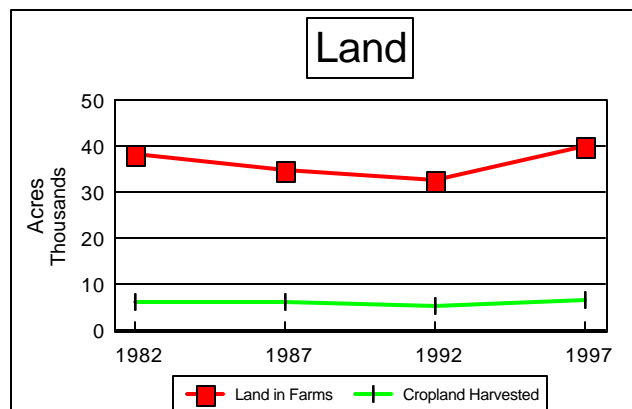
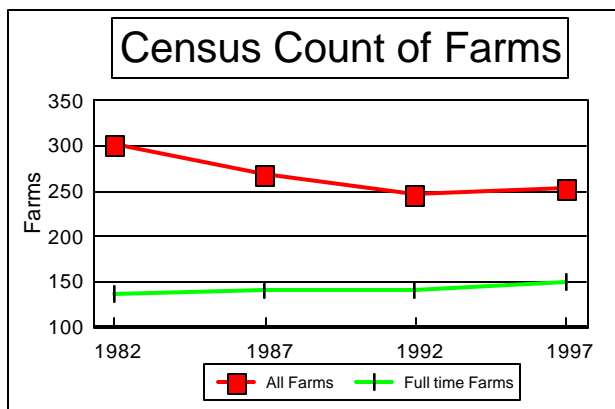
Increased 34 percent to \$16,964,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 31 percent from \$51,129 in 1992 to \$67,052 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	16,964	26	39	2,222	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,731	24	39	1,967	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,233	26	39	1,876	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	7,487	14	38	127	2,547
Dairy products	4,226	16	31	697	2,563
Aquaculture	3,256	5	28	48	1,505
Cattle and calves	1,223	30	39	2,437	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	614	26	37	1,229	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,411	29	39	2,413	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	34	1,063	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	26	34	1,623	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	43	36	39	2,747	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	39	39	2,375	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,281	28	39	2,379	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	245	33	39	2,422	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	85	37	39	2,686	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	78	38	39	2,281	2,864
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	24	38	1,525	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,619	26	39	2,187	3,061
Total berries-acres	1,316	3	35	28	2,058
All nursery-acres	179	26	36	957	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	27	33	39	1,750	2,693
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	17	16	31	834	1,965

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	126	126	
\$10,000 or more	127	122	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,224	9,098	34
Average per farmdollars..	48,509	36,684	32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,985	4,510	11
Average per farmdollars..	19,782	18,186	9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	209	209	
Partnership or corporation	38	35	9
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	150	142	6
Other	103	106	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	229	230	-0
Female	24	18	33
Operators by race:			
White	248	245	1
Black and other races	5	3	67
Average age of operator	52.9	51.7	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.