

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



PIERCE WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 58,750 acres in 1992 to 50,868 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 55 acres in 1992 to 51 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 455 farms in 1992 to 423 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

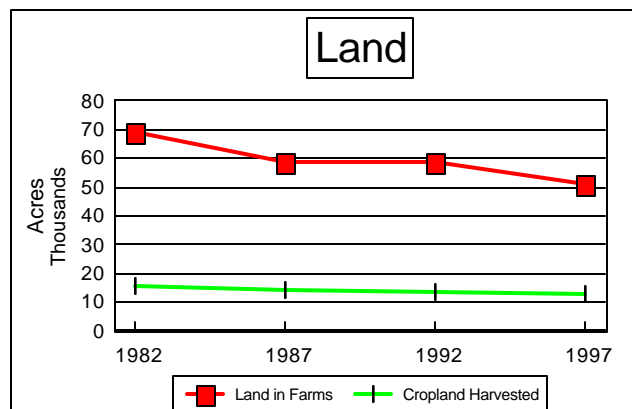
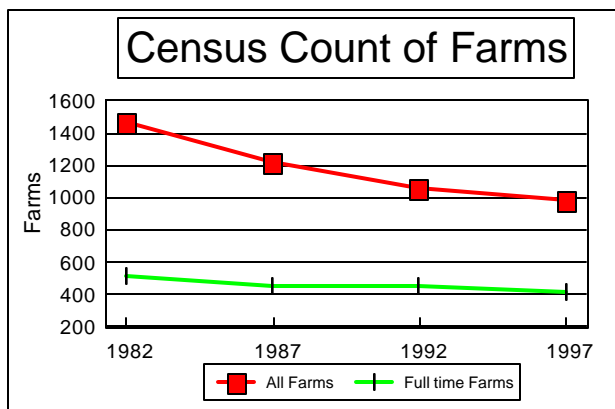
Decreased 18 percent to \$69,835,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 12 percent from \$80,353 in 1992 to \$70,612 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	69,835	20	39	827	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,105	11	39	632	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	27,730	19	39	1,009	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	19,333	9	31	219	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	15,087	7	37	142	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	10,143	7	37	106	2,739
Aquaculture	(D)	2	28	20	1,505
Poultry & poultry products	8,174	8	38	485	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,829,859	5	29	341	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	34	710	2,203
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	4	7	49	191
Cattle and calves sold	9,155	22	39	1,680	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	6,250	4	34	352	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	422,194	4	36	348	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	10	39	496	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	5	38	310	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	22,119	20	39	1,442	3,064
Mink inventory	(D)	4	8	65	239
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,966	25	39	2,028	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,879	11	37	221	2,741
All nursery-acres	2,233	6	36	115	2,619
Total herbs-acres	(D)	3	20	35	649
Corn for silage-acres	358	18	32	1,583	2,473

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	737	804	-8
\$10,000 or more	252	255	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	57,728	77,687	-26
Average per farmdollars..	58,370	73,428	-21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,504	7,808	22
Average per farmdollars..	9,610	7,380	30
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	872	958	-9
Partnership or corporation	111	96	16
Other	6	5	20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	423	455	-7
Other	566	604	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	780	858	-9
Female	209	201	4
Operators by race:			
White	947	1,019	-7
Black and other races	42	40	5
Average age of operator	54.9	54.1	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.