

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



## SKAGIT WASHINGTON

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 92,074 acres in 1992 to 93,495 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 122 acres in 1992 to 131 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 393 farms in 1992 to 376 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

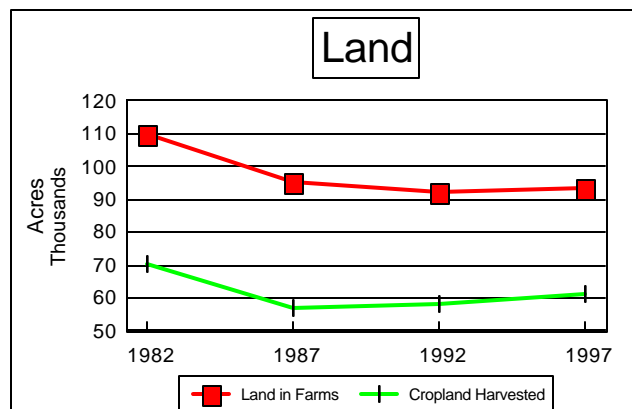
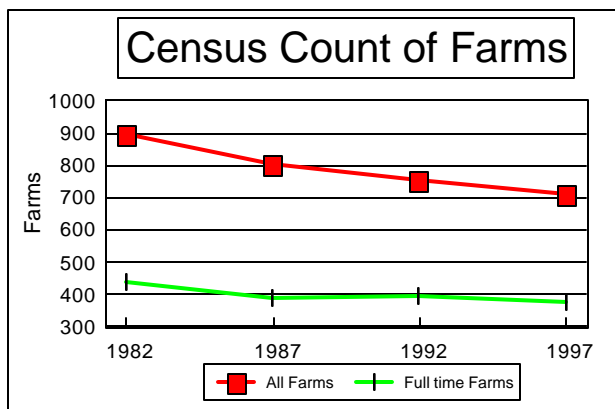
Increased 24 percent to \$171,690,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 31 percent from \$183,648 in 1992 to \$240,463 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	171,690	9	39	182	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	90,392	12	39	175	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	81,299	5	39	266	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	50,443	4	31	77	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	42,390	1	37	46	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	19,215	5	37	58	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	16,894	7	26	84	2,237
Poultry & poultry products	13,283	4	38	369	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	34	69	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	8	29	436	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	30,735	8	39	623	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	34	904	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	337	27	39	2,226	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	1	29	12	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	38	21	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	453,744	4	39	167	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	8	36	502	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	39,800	8	39	831	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	19,446	14	39	1,063	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	16,686	6	37	39	2,741
All nursery-acres	7,084	2	36	18	2,619
Potatoes-acres	6,948	6	27	42	1,733
Corn for silage-acres	6,681	3	32	214	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 .....	383	410	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	331	344	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	129,701	121,418	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	181,654	160,818	13
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	40,882	18,134	125
Average per farm .....dollars..	57,257	24,019	138
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	570	622	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	138	127	9
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	376	393	-4
Other .....	338	361	-6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	615	658	-7
Female .....	99	96	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	700	744	-6
Black and other races .....	14	10	40
Average age of operator .....	54.6	52.6	4

(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.