

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



BENTON WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 640,370 acres in 1992 to 611,903 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 568 acres in 1992 to 568 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 497 farms in 1992 to 469 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

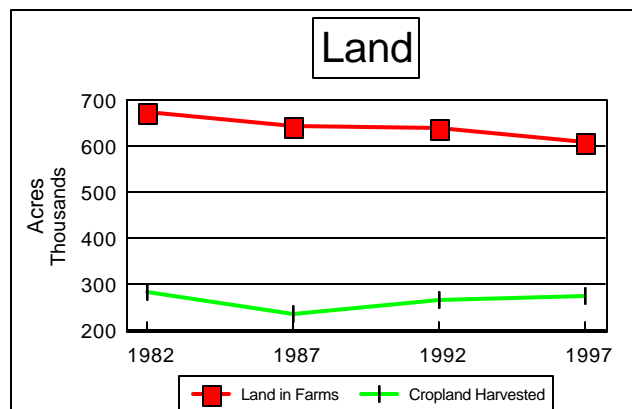
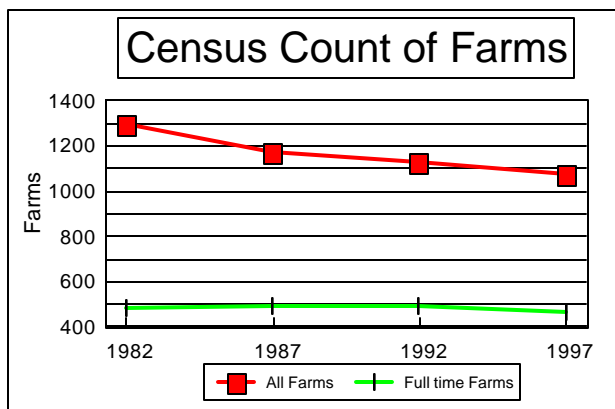
Increased 41 percent to \$300,530,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 47 percent from \$189,607 in 1992 to \$278,785 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	300,530	4	39	64	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	291,809	3	39	25	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,721	25	39	1,969	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	113,345	4	38	26	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	91,253	3	26	5	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	41,642	3	37	34	2,739
Wheat	19,861	9	31	77	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	15,332	6	39	46	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	9,524	21	39	1,648	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,730	5	27	141	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	913	14	39	861	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	576	22	39	2,002	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	34	1,087	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,762	21	39	1,816	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,870	13	39	243	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	1,349	10	35	386	2,588
Rabbit inventory	1,211	2	38	58	2,456
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,208	15	39	813	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	130,981	7	31	132	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	38,705	3	39	27	2,693
Potatoes-acres	25,317	4	27	14	1,733
Land used for vegetables-acres	23,417	3	37	26	2,741
Hay crops-acres	18,737	15	39	1,095	3,061

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	631	662	-5
\$10,000 or more	447	466	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	230,754	181,558	27
Average per farmdollars..	213,859	160,955	33
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	68,499	33,082	107
Average per farmdollars..	63,484	29,328	116
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	888	928	-4
Partnership or corporation	183	192	-5
Other	7	8	-13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	469	497	-6
Other	609	631	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	963	996	-3
Female	115	132	-13
Operators by race:			
White	1,055	1,107	-5
Black and other races	23	21	10
Average age of operator	53.2	52.3	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.