

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



## SKAMANIA WASHINGTON

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 4,043 acres in 1992 to 4,220 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Unchanged from 67 acres in 1992 to 67 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 26 farms in 1992 to 24 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

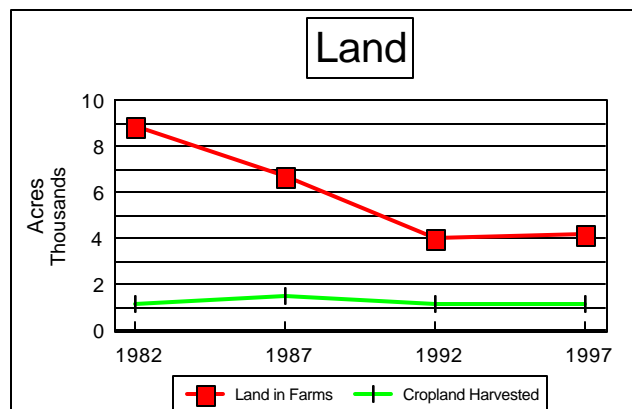
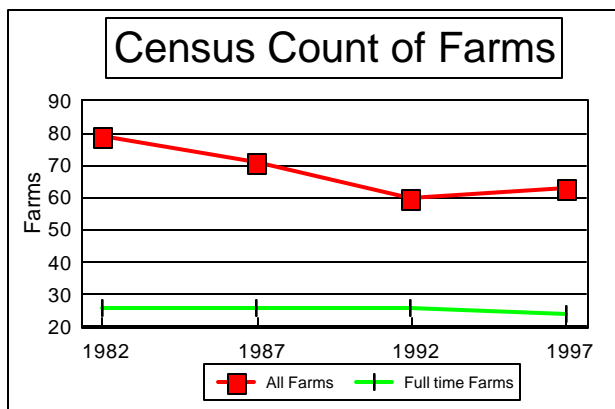
Increased 53 percent to \$1,532,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 46 percent from \$16,676 in 1992 to \$24,316 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	1,532	39	39	2,971	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,329	34	39	2,640	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	203	39	39	3,003	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,257	19	38	284	2,547
Cattle and calves	(D)	39	39	2,942	3,063
All other livestock & products	(D)	13	31	501	1,649
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	40	38	39	2,865	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	36	37	2,407	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	316	39	39	2,965	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	53	38	39	2,250	2,765
All goats sold	30	27	37	1,744	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	12	37	39	2,681	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	6	39	39	2,933	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	711	39	39	2,961	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	103	38	39	2,855	3,066
All goat inventory	82	25	39	1,908	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	39	39	2,311	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	72	38	39	2,729	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	654	12	39	413	2,693
Hay crops-acres	489	39	39	2,949	3,061
All nursery-acres	(D)	31	36	1,543	2,619
Oats-acres	(D)	24	27	2,129	2,332
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	20	31	977	1,965

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 .....	50	50	
\$10,000 or more .....	13	10	30
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,501	867	73
Average per farm .....dollars..	23,819	14,446	65
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	31	134	-77
Average per farm .....dollars..	496	2,230	-78
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	55	57	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	8	3	167
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	24	26	-8
Other .....	39	34	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	54	49	10
Female .....	9	11	-18
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	63	60	5
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	54.0	56.0	-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.