

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



## SPOKANE WASHINGTON

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 625,769 acres in 1992 to 589,843 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 366 acres in 1992 to 359 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 753 farms in 1992 to 713 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

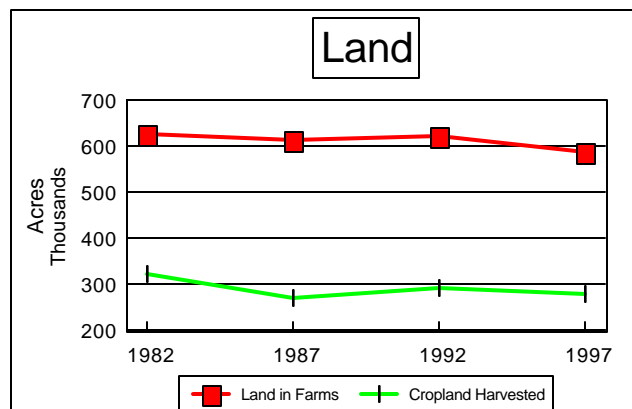
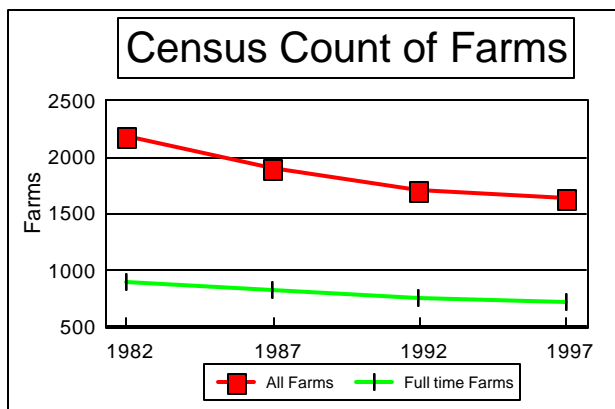
Increased 6 percent to \$78,704,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 11 percent from \$43,297 in 1992 to \$47,903 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	78,704	19	39	718	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	58,362	13	39	438	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	20,342	14	39	1,233	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Wheat	21,496	8	31	64	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	12,019	8	39	56	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,665	10	37	247	2,790
Cattle and calves	8,292	12	39	1,051	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	7,249	3	22	108	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	11	29	673	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	18,239	12	39	1,071	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	34	842	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	5,682	5	34	371	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,705	8	39	537	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	6	39	268	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	28,596	16	39	1,181	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	7,067	3	38	194	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	3,897	4	39	39	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,259	7	39	489	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	115,324	8	31	164	2,612
Hay crops-acres	52,901	3	39	235	3,061
Barley-acres	43,927	3	31	38	1,411
Lentils-acres	25,373	2	9	3	63
Field seeds-acres	22,657	1	20	9	1,212

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 .....	1,065	1,082	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	578	626	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	61,721	60,673	2
Average per farm .....dollars..	37,566	35,523	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	15,669	14,475	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,537	8,475	13
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,434	1,503	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	198	193	3
Other .....	11	12	-8
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	713	753	-5
Other .....	930	955	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,455	1,539	-5
Female .....	188	169	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,635	1,685	-3
Black and other races .....	8	23	-65
Average age of operator .....	54.8	53.7	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.