

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 546,303 acres in 1992 to 525,121 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 518 acres in 1992 to 531 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 531 farms in 1992 to 440 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

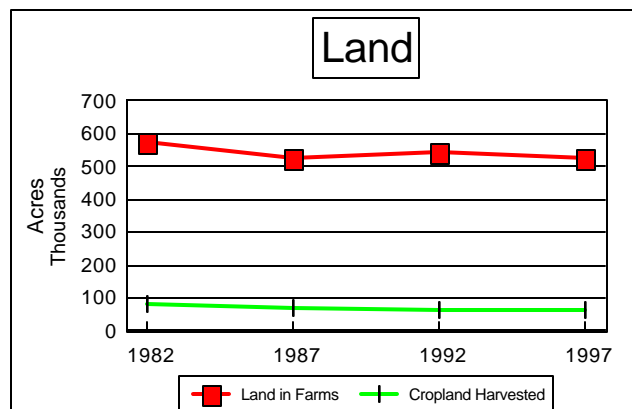
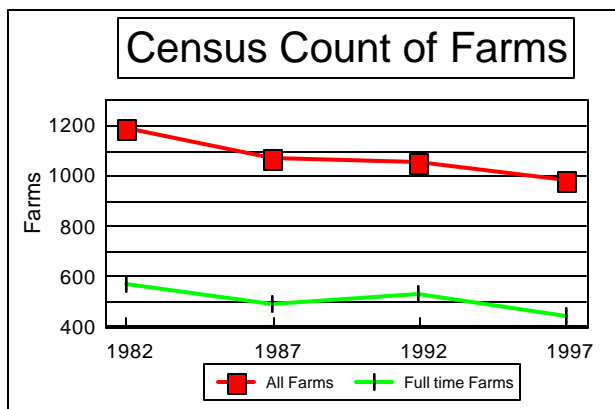
Decreased 3 percent to \$22,815,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 4 percent from \$22,203 in 1992 to \$23,069 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	22,815	25	39	2,004	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,797	17	39	1,595	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,018	25	39	1,827	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	9,725	9	39	909	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,515	11	39	189	3,043
Dairy products	3,202	18	31	837	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,721	19	37	752	2,790
Wheat	1,659	15	31	720	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	19,256	10	39	1,030	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,786	7	39	1,607	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,250	11	39	695	2,765
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	7	7	126	191
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	14	29	959	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	33,962	11	39	992	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,494	7	39	137	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	8	35	336	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,440	11	39	715	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,230	7	39	1,520	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	48,023	4	39	300	3,061
Wheat-acres	9,530	15	31	787	2,612
Barley-acres	7,462	10	31	157	1,411
Oats-acres	1,343	4	27	513	2,332
Total herbs-acres	(D)	2	20	22	649

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	643	699	-8
\$10,000 or more	346	355	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,085	20,033	0
Average per farmdollars..	20,308	19,007	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,639	2,990	-45
Average per farmdollars..	1,657	2,837	-42
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	903	967	-7
Partnership or corporation	81	82	-1
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	440	531	-17
Other	549	523	5
Operators by sex:			
Male	881	955	-8
Female	108	99	9
Operators by race:			
White	966	1,040	-7
Black and other races	23	14	64
Average age of operator	54.9	53.9	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.