

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



## THURSTON WASHINGTON

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 59,890 acres in 1992 to 56,300 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 74 acres in 1992 to 68 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 338 farms in 1992 to 325 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

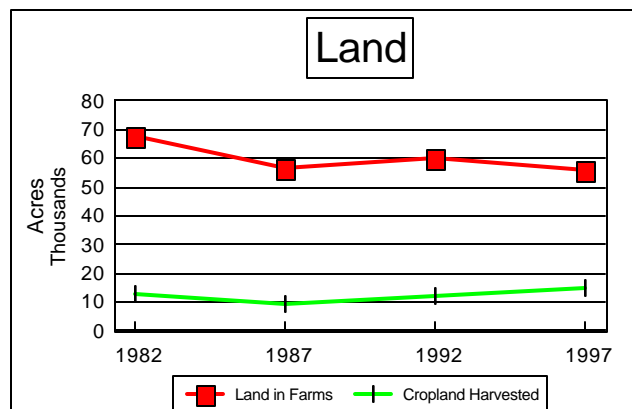
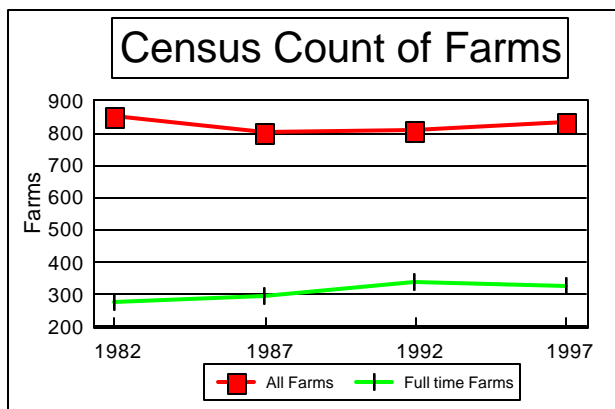
Increased 56 percent to \$120,712,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 52 percent from \$95,705 in 1992 to \$145,086 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	120,712	12	39	370	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	84,659	4	39	249	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	36,053	17	39	807	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	44,255	1	38	137	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	33,897	2	37	57	2,790
Dairy products	29,056	7	31	148	2,563
Cattle and calves	6,909	15	39	1,198	3,063
Aquaculture	2,535	6	28	56	1,505
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	34	59	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,006,973	9	29	450	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	15,289	15	39	1,228	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	6	7	90	191
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,622	7	34	453	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,753,935	1	39	39	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	357,303	2	38	34	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	344,066	2	29	40	1,790
Broiler inventory	(D)	7	36	420	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	29,570	14	39	1,149	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,190	22	39	1,496	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,723	10	36	159	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	481	19	37	656	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	15	32	1,493	2,473
Total berries-acres	199	8	35	78	2,058

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 .....	636	618	3
\$10,000 or more .....	196	193	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	95,086	69,492	37
Average per farm .....dollars..	114,424	85,581	34
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	22,532	8,613	162
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,115	10,607	156
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	752	738	2
Partnership or corporation .....	77	70	10
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	325	338	-4
Other .....	507	473	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	688	680	1
Female .....	144	131	10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	818	801	2
Black and other races .....	14	10	40
Average age of operator .....	54.2	53.1	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.