

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



WAHKIAKUM WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 12,611 acres in 1992 to 13,379 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 115 acres in 1992 to 124 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 55 farms in 1992 to 47 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

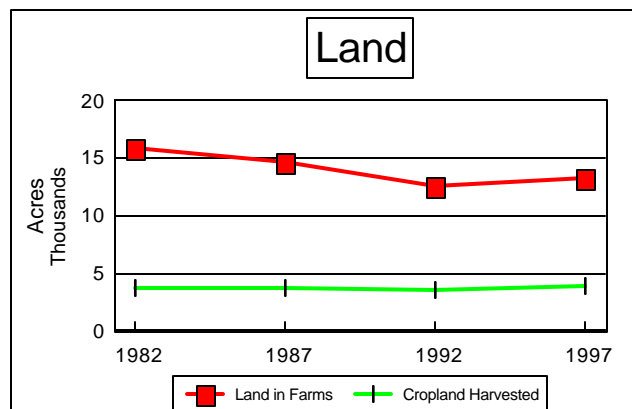
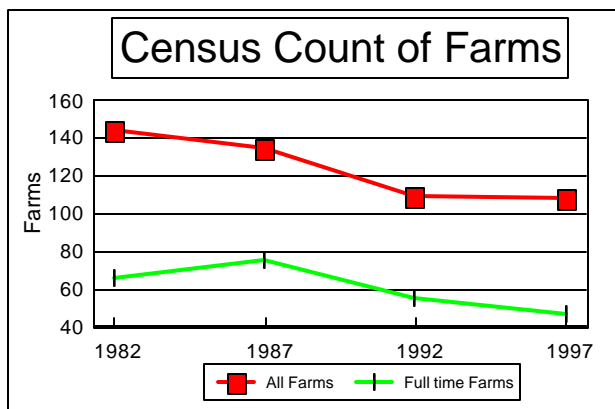
Decreased 46 percent to \$2,715,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 45 percent from \$45,540 in 1992 to \$25,135 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	2,715	37	39	2,904	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,625	34	39	2,632	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	90	39	39	3,027	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,420	24	31	1,231	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,068	32	39	2,514	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	13	39	798	2,787
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	35	37	2,304	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	39	39	2,877	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,401	33	39	2,581	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	18	39	1,013	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	19	29	1,236	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	17	34	1,289	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	33	39	2,534	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,375	33	39	2,536	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	21	39	1,157	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	92	32	38	2,030	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	87	36	39	2,682	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	83	39	39	2,897	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,051	30	39	2,415	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	(D)	36	39	2,225	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	33	37	2,378	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	35	36	2,266	2,619
Total berries-acres	(D)	31	35	1,839	2,058

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	75	75	
\$10,000 or more	33	35	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,770	4,176	-34
Average per farmdollars..	25,650	37,966	-32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	458	1,174	-61
Average per farmdollars..	4,243	10,672	-60
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	95	103	-8
Partnership or corporation	13	7	86
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	47	55	-15
Other	61	55	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	94	93	1
Female	14	17	-18
Operators by race:			
White	106	110	-4
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	54.8	56.4	-3

(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.