

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



WHITMAN WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 1,404,289 acres in 1992 to 1,301,265 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 1,262 acres in 1992 to 1,297 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 922 farms in 1992 to 804 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

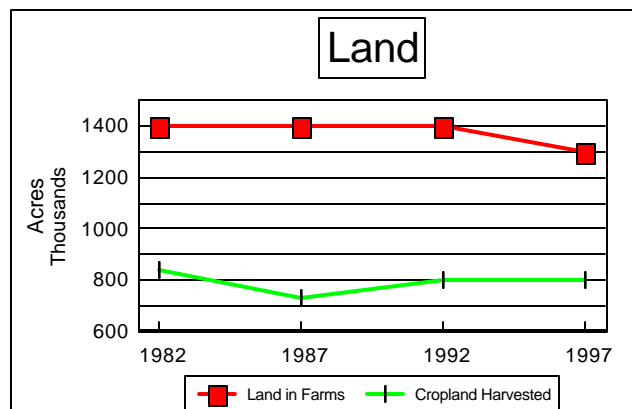
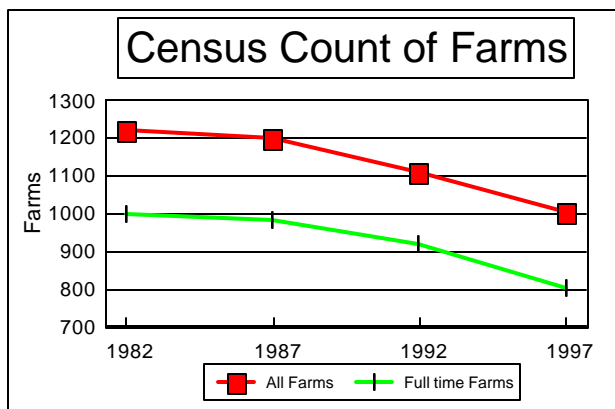
Increased 11 percent to \$173,483,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 23 percent from \$140,482 in 1992 to \$172,964 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	173,483	8	39	179	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	162,283	7	39	63	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,200	18	39	1,769	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	107,832	1	31	1	2,578
Barley	25,795	1	29	1	1,167
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	22,941	1	22	30	1,971
Cattle and calves	7,358	13	39	1,144	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,476	13	39	298	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	34	41	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	17,284	2	39	861	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	15,212	16	39	1,232	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,786	6	39	518	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	18	29	1,206	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,379	18	39	1,301	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	38	83	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,446	1	39	832	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,329	6	39	476	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	846	23	39	920	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	478,098	1	31	3	2,612
Barley-acres	160,110	1	31	2	1,411
Dry edible peas-acres	84,356	1	13	1	208
Lentils-acres	57,544	1	9	1	63
Hay crops-acres	12,637	19	39	1,452	3,061

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	201	170	18
\$10,000 or more	802	943	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	128,546	121,455	6
Average per farmdollars..	128,161	109,124	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	40,176	38,301	5
Average per farmdollars..	40,055	34,412	16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	610	712	-14
Partnership or corporation	382	381	
Other	11	20	-45
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	804	922	-13
Other	199	191	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	933	1,049	-11
Female	70	64	9
Operators by race:			
White	999	1,113	-10
Black and other races	4	-	
Average age of operator	52.9	51.2	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.