

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



YAKIMA WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 1,639,965 acres in 1992 to 1,682,961 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 449 acres in 1992 to 500 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 2,018 farms in 1992 to 1,861 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

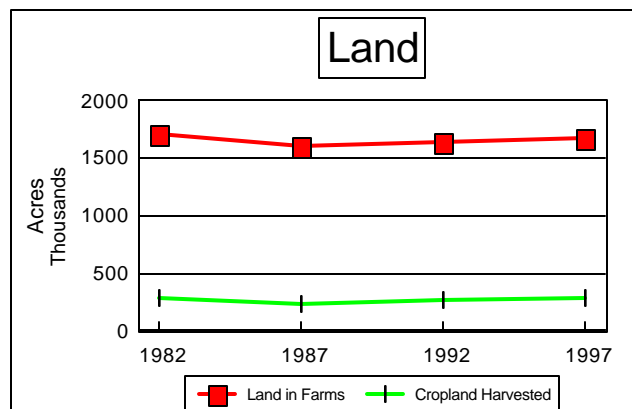
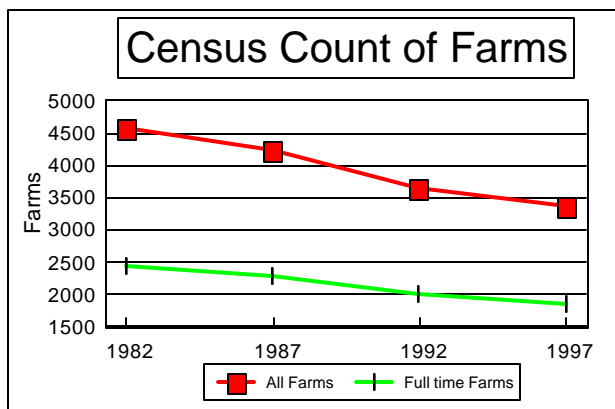
Increased 27 percent to \$873,495,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$188,916 in 1992 to \$259,582 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	873,495	1	39	10	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	580,897	1	39	10	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	292,598	1	39	34	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	411,690	1	38	7	2,547
Cattle and calves	147,810	2	39	35	3,063
Dairy products	132,354	2	31	15	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	94,211	2	26	4	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	32,687	4	37	44	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	6	29	349	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	234,666	2	39	34	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	34	334	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	10,071	1	39	129	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	2,128	6	39	1,528	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	7	39	272	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	191,064	1	39	33	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	9	36	503	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	29	237	1,790
Colony of bees inventory	16,676	1	35	19	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	109,940	1	39	11	2,693
Wheat-acres	50,430	12	31	309	2,612
Hay crops-acres	43,868	6	39	357	3,061
Hops-acres	27,449	1	2	1	10
Land used for vegetables-acres	18,424	5	37	36	2,741

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	1,300	1,450	-10
\$10,000 or more	2,065	2,201	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	643,211	545,701	18
Average per farmdollars..	191,148	149,466	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	228,244	143,306	59
Average per farmdollars..	67,829	39,251	73
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,722	2,989	-9
Partnership or corporation	622	648	-4
Other	21	14	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,861	2,018	-8
Other	1,504	1,633	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	3,104	3,428	-9
Female	261	223	17
Operators by race:			
White	3,176	3,474	-9
Black and other races	189	177	7
Average age of operator	54.3	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.