

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



COLUMBIA WASHINGTON

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 304,928 acres in 1992 to 310,189 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,596 acres in 1992 to 1,567 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 130 farms in 1992 to 129 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

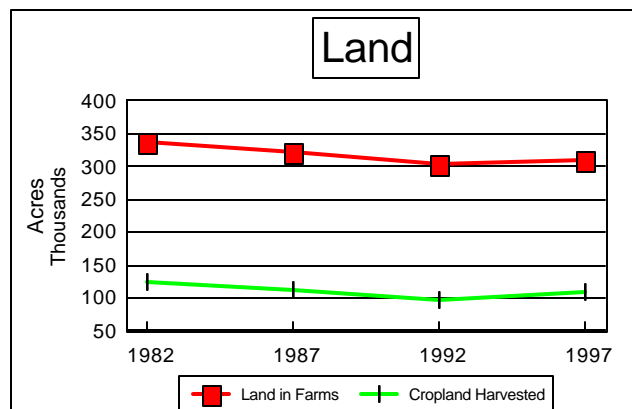
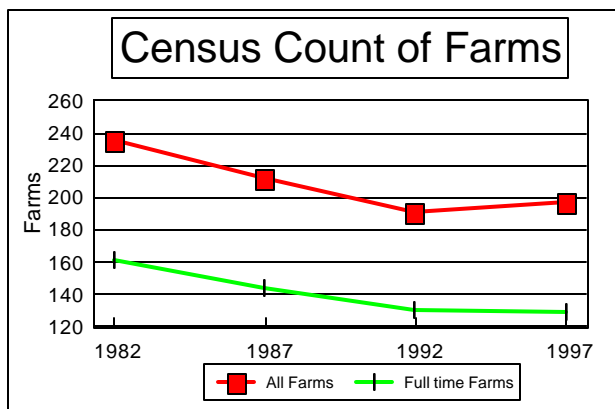
Increased 24 percent to \$24,477,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$102,953 in 1992 to \$123,619 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	24,477	24	39	1,939	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	22,520	22	39	1,167	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,956	36	39	2,733	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	16,343	10	31	106	2,578
Barley	3,070	6	29	67	1,167
Cattle and calves	1,797	27	39	2,236	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,415	7	22	248	1,971
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	18	37	595	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,011	27	39	2,317	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,415	9	39	1,695	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	350	24	39	1,443	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	22	29	1,385	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	21	34	1,413	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,414	27	39	2,370	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	860	18	38	757	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	678	10	39	1,764	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	476	24	39	1,436	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	443	26	39	1,778	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	77,511	10	31	236	2,612
Barley-acres	17,547	6	31	84	1,411
Dry edible peas-acres	6,401	3	13	8	208
Hay crops-acres	2,806	33	39	2,596	3,061
Oats-acres	1,891	2	27	384	2,332

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	76	58	31
\$10,000 or more	122	133	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,432	15,260	27
Average per farmdollars..	98,141	79,897	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,712	5,382	-31
Average per farmdollars..	18,746	28,180	-33
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	135	131	3
Partnership or corporation	55	55	
Other	8	5	60
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	129	130	-1
Other	69	61	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	177	176	1
Female	21	15	40
Operators by race:			
White	196	189	4
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	55.8	55.4	1

(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.