

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 35,678 acres in 1992 to 31,103 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 98 acres in 1992 to 89 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 149 farms in 1992 to 129 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

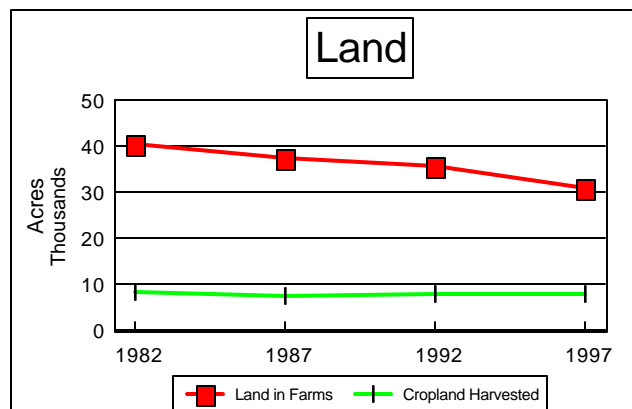
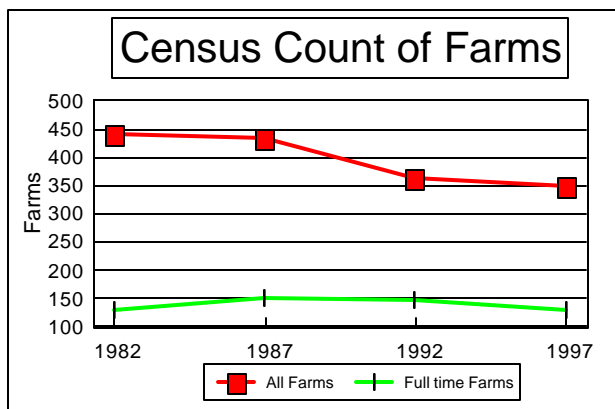
Decreased 7 percent to \$15,919,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 3 percent from \$46,848 in 1992 to \$45,612 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	15,919	27	39	2,256	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,652	26	39	1,974	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,267	27	39	1,939	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	5,520	10	38	572	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,140	15	37	549	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,128	16	38	222	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,753	14	37	387	2,739
Dairy products	1,673	22	31	1,143	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,964,369	4	29	332	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,140	30	39	2,460	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	7	27	175	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	241	30	39	2,340	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	234	28	39	1,644	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	530,973	3	36	318	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	6,780	30	39	2,422	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	611	20	38	924	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	557	23	39	1,350	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	551	23	39	1,605	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,261	29	39	2,392	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,263	13	37	266	2,741
Total berries-acres	552	5	35	42	2,058
Corn for silage-acres	460	14	32	1,463	2,473
All nursery-acres	373	22	36	660	2,619

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 .....	290	293	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	59	72	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	13,520	14,311	-6
Average per farm .....dollars..	38,849	39,317	-1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,209	2,767	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,349	7,601	-16
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	319	343	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	25	20	25
Other .....	5	2	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	129	149	-13
Other .....	220	216	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	302	324	-7
Female .....	47	41	15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	345	360	-4
Black and other races .....	4	5	-20
Average age of operator .....	57.4	55.9	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.