

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service



COLUMBIA WISCONSIN

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 327,185 acres in 1992 to 325,723 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 227 acres in 1992 to 240 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 946 farms in 1992 to 788 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

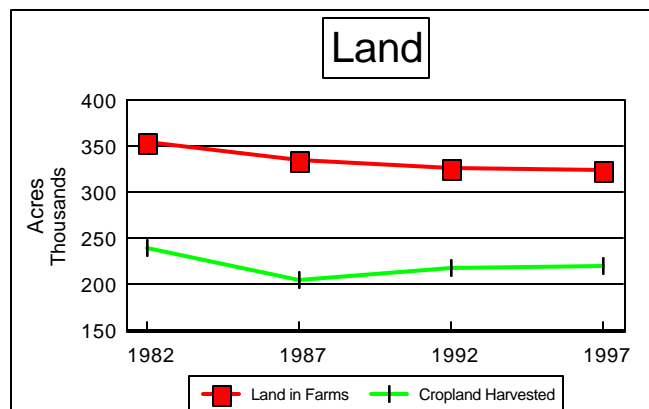
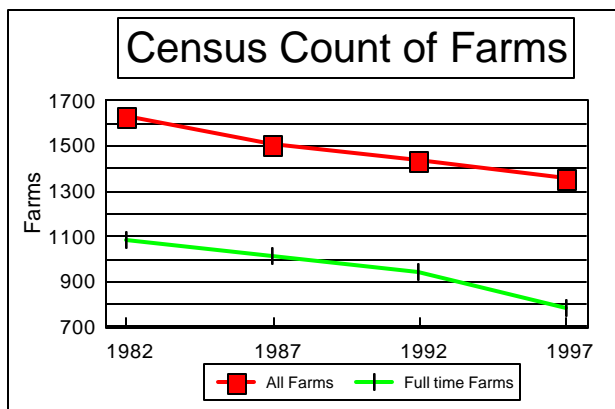
Increased 2 percent to \$106,871,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$72,464 in 1992 to \$78,639 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	106,871	22	72	455	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	60,752	28	72	390	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	46,118	9	72	601	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	32,602	34	70	131	2,563
Corn for grain	25,911	3	67	233	2,582
Cattle and calves	16,003	14	72	547	3,063
Soybeans	9,924	7	64	542	2,136
Hogs and pigs	8,739	6	70	373	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	62	33	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	86,546	6	70	364	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	61	631	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	28,949	18	72	665	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,745	4	71	363	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	70	24	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	7	71	462	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	59,602	23	72	460	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	43,751	5	71	340	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,900	1	71	309	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	109,907	5	69	180	2,691
Hay crops-acres	45,652	37	72	332	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	39,536	7	64	595	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	11,557	27	71	97	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	10,204	6	69	66	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	461	443	4
\$10,000 or more	898	1,000	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	88,252	86,840	2
Average per farmdollars..	64,844	60,139	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,034	17,937	-22
Average per farmdollars..	10,312	12,422	-17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,155	1,221	-5
Partnership or corporation	197	217	-9
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	788	946	-17
Other	571	497	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,277	1,372	-7
Female	82	71	15
Operators by race:			
White	1,356	1,442	-6
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	52.3	50.7	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.