

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service



MARATHON WISCONSIN

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 529,966 acres in 1992 to 515,888 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 189 acres in 1992 to 191 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 1,934 farms in 1992 to 1,638 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

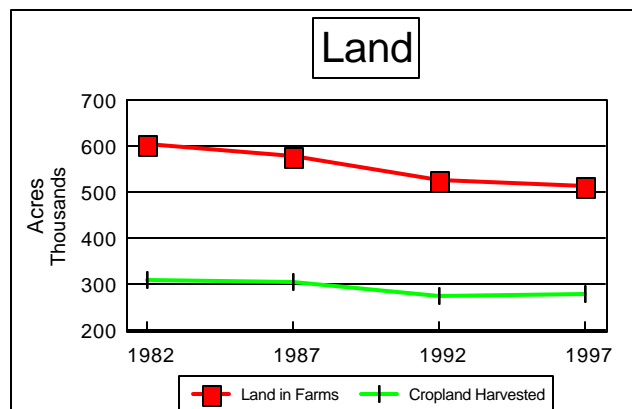
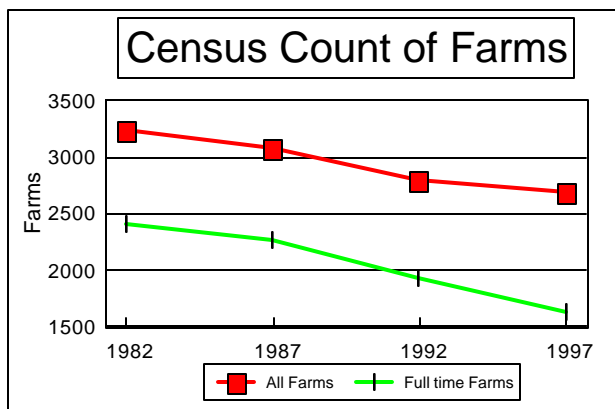
Decreased 8 percent to \$204,288,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$78,798 in 1992 to \$75,578 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	204,288	3	72	129	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	153,788	3	72	81	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	50,499	8	72	541	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	131,266	1	70	16	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	34,116	2	69	39	2,237
Cattle and calves	20,132	8	72	401	3,063
Corn for grain	6,528	32	67	705	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,757	1	72	171	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	57,886	4	72	231	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	25,012	8	38	31	191
Hogs and pigs sold	9,800	28	70	1,025	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,657	25	64	849	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	61	969	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	136,602	2	72	67	3,064
Mink inventory	10,290	10	39	34	239
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,682	19	71	872	3,002
Broiler inventory	3,266	12	70	671	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,010	39	71	1,190	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	168,386	1	72	5	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	58,818	19	69	452	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	31,837	1	71	13	2,473
Oats-acres	15,881	1	71	11	2,332
Ginseng-acres	15,859	1	32	1	111

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	860	727	18
\$10,000 or more	1,843	2,077	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	145,645	143,337	2
Average per farmdollars..	53,863	51,101	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	57,245	78,215	-27
Average per farmdollars..	21,171	27,884	-24
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,288	2,427	-6
Partnership or corporation	405	373	9
Other	10	4	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,638	1,934	-15
Other	1,065	870	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,548	2,628	-3
Female	155	176	-12
Operators by race:			
White	2,677	2,797	-4
Black and other races	26	7	271
Average age of operator	49.9	48.9	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.