

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 282,405 acres in 1992 to 267,639 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 213 acres in 1992 to 206 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 849 farms in 1992 to 670 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

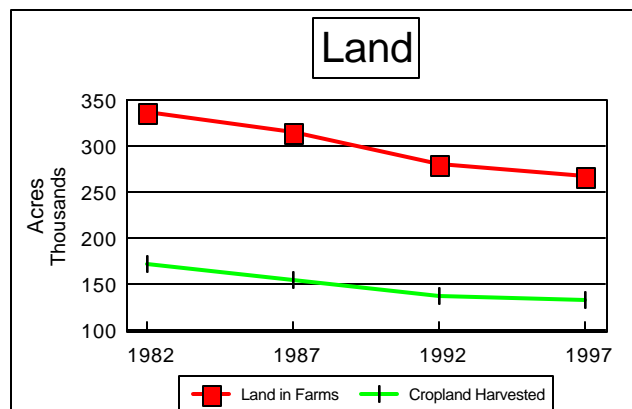
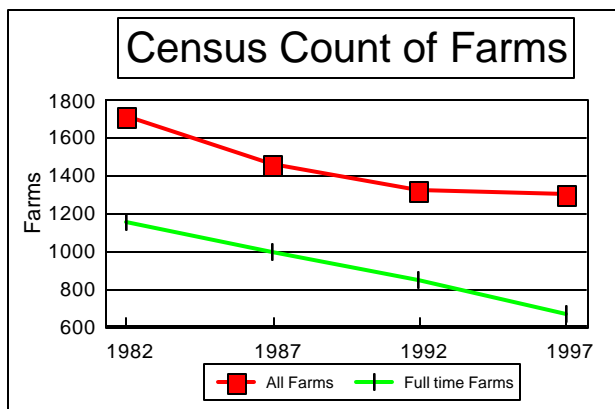
Increased 4 percent to \$67,944,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$49,315 in 1992 to \$52,225 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	67,944	37	72	854	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	51,972	34	72	484	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	15,972	41	72	1,440	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	41,834	28	70	92	2,563
Corn for grain	9,177	21	67	582	2,582
Cattle and calves	7,666	36	72	1,123	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,094	23	72	374	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,803	24	71	735	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	7	56	284	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	20,836	34	72	940	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,251	49	70	1,389	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	2,386	6	71	400	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	783	38	64	993	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	50,690	30	72	596	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	7	71	266	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,211	3	71	365	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,299	44	71	1,286	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	2,178	12	69	279	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	67,817	23	72	135	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	47,349	24	69	530	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	11,190	28	71	105	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,769	38	64	1,074	2,144
Oats-acres	3,487	39	71	198	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	640	591	8
\$10,000 or more	661	733	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	52,273	51,489	2
Average per farmdollars..	40,179	38,889	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,644	14,473	8
Average per farmdollars..	12,025	10,932	10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,147	1,210	-5
Partnership or corporation	148	111	33
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	670	849	-21
Other	631	475	33
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,218	1,266	-4
Female	83	58	43
Operators by race:			
White	1,295	1,323	-2
Black and other races	6	1	500
Average age of operator	53.1	52.5	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.