

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service



## PORTAGE WISCONSIN

### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 265,731 acres in 1992 to 262,799 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 271 acres in 1992 to 288 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 625 farms in 1992 to 518 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

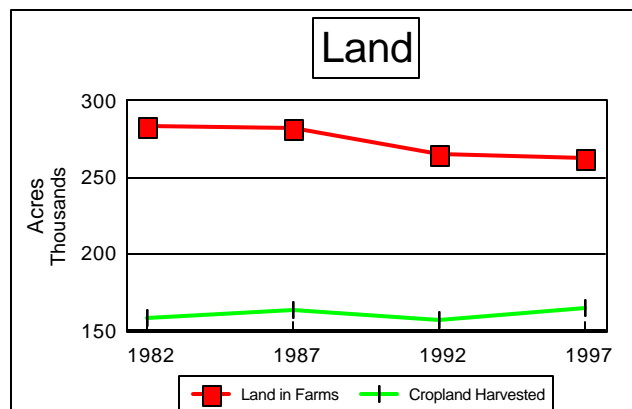
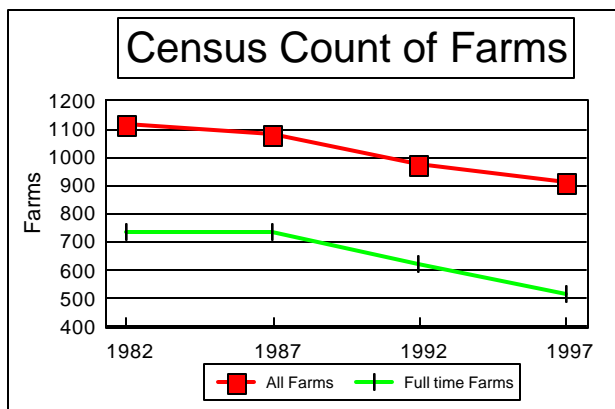
Increased 26 percent to \$115,093,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 36 percent from \$92,926 in 1992 to \$126,060 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	115,093	19	72	403	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	77,801	2	72	250	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	37,292	40	72	726	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	43,662	1	69	28	2,237
Dairy products	27,909	39	70	157	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	17,576	1	69	63	2,739
Corn for grain	7,254	29	67	674	2,582
Cattle and calves	6,504	41	72	1,249	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	62	78	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	14,953	43	72	1,247	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	6,707	36	70	1,137	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,505	28	64	863	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	971	20	71	826	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	38,501	38	72	868	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	9	70	111	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	5,529	29	71	996	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	2,258	11	69	266	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,489	32	71	1,031	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	54,703	32	72	220	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	36,950	34	69	610	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	33,192	1	69	17	2,741
Potatoes-acres	24,939	1	63	16	1,733
Corn for silage-acres	9,195	37	71	139	2,473

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 .....	400	390	3
\$10,000 or more .....	513	590	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	85,449	79,044	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	93,694	80,740	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	27,971	12,083	131
Average per farm .....dollars..	30,669	12,342	148
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	784	825	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	128	152	-16
Other .....	1	3	-67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	518	625	-17
Other .....	395	355	11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	863	924	-7
Female .....	50	56	-11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	913	980	-7
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.5	52.1	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.