

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Wyoming Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 1,344,561 acres in 1992 to 1,608,318 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 20 percent from 4,837 acres in 1992 to 5,785 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 219 farms in 1992 to 225 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

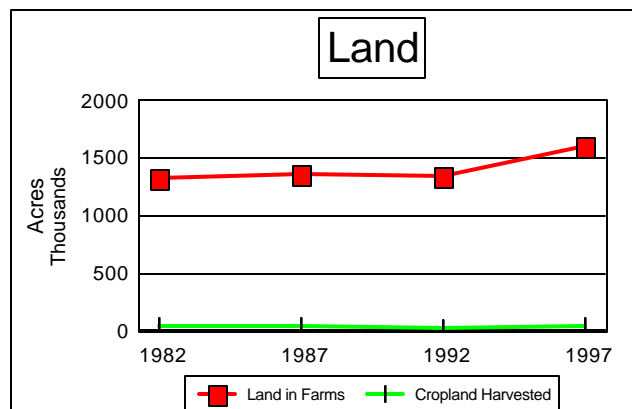
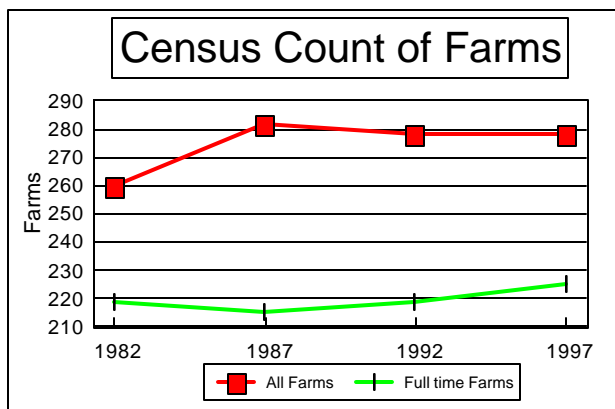
Increased 27 percent to \$27,766,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$78,437 in 1992 to \$99,876 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	27,766	14	23	1,820	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	26,563	11	23	981	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,202	20	23	2,672	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	25,369	11	23	303	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	878	16	23	135	2,787
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	688	19	23	1,304	3,043
Wheat	353	6	20	1,324	2,578
Horses and ponies	303	6	23	514	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	48,014	11	23	311	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	10,126	16	23	128	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	14	681	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	181	9	23	409	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	22	22	2,852	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	76,142	9	23	270	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	16,410	15	23	97	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	22	347	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,174	21	23	580	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	152	21	23	2,456	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	42,068	14	23	391	3,061
Wheat-acres	6,456	6	20	938	2,612
Oats-acres	2,663	3	22	257	2,332
Barley-acres	265	18	20	645	1,411
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	9	15	2,307	2,691

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	47	61	-23
\$10,000 or more	231	217	6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,493	17,312	18
Average per farmdollars..	73,716	62,272	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,514	5,922	27
Average per farmdollars..	27,029	21,301	27
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	215	226	-5
Partnership or corporation	53	45	18
Other	10	7	43
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	225	219	3
Other	53	59	-10
Operators by sex:			
Male	258	251	3
Female	20	27	-26
Operators by race:			
White	278	277	0
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	55.1	55.1	

(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.