

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Wyoming Agricultural Statistics Service



## PLATTE WYOMING

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 1,364,948 acres in 1992 to 1,284,836 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 2,954 acres in 1992 to 2,787 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 312 farms in 1992 to 314 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

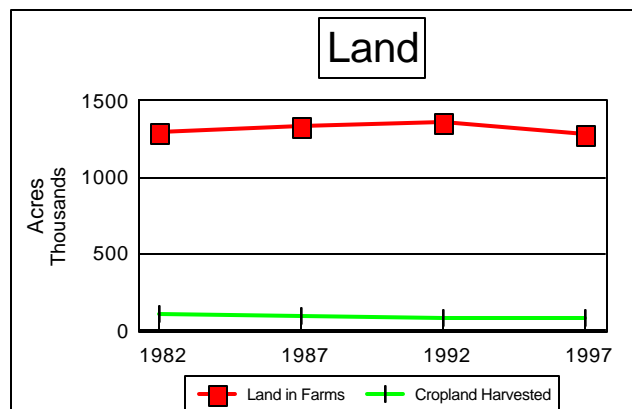
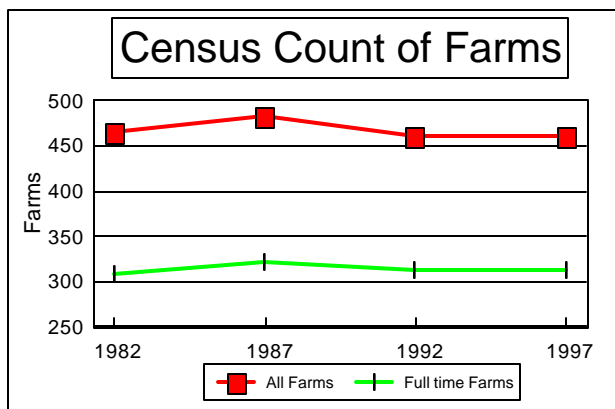
Increased 8 percent to \$68,242,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$136,159 in 1992 to \$148,031 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	68,242	3	23	849	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	56,964	3	23	428	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,278	7	23	1,683	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	55,444	2	23	116	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,702	6	23	180	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	6	15	288	2,237
Corn for grain	1,588	2	14	1,187	2,582
Wheat	1,556	3	20	739	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	91,367	2	23	117	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,315	21	23	420	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,046	3	22	1,801	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	92	20	23	1,004	3,015
All goats sold	79	8	21	1,070	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	117,895	3	23	94	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	2	23	846	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	2,084	6	22	289	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,954	21	23	557	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,438	16	23	413	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	48,430	11	23	289	3,061
Wheat-acres	19,325	3	20	546	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	5,341	1	17	284	2,473
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	5,161	5	9	59	199
Corn for grain-acres	4,848	3	15	1,330	2,691

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 .....	168	154	9
\$10,000 or more .....	293	308	-5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	58,086	53,759	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	126,000	116,362	8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	10,077	8,997	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,859	19,474	12
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	358	347	3
Partnership or corporation .....	97	110	-12
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	314	312	1
Other .....	147	150	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	418	420	-0
Female .....	43	42	2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	460	462	-0
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	54.3	53.9	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.