

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Montana Agricultural Statistics Service

MONTANA

Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,870,732	33	50
Value of livestock and poultry	966,910	30	50
Value of crops including nursery	903,822	31	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Cattle and calves	834,544	11	50
Wheat	569,996	3	46
Barley	124,151	3	43
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	91,110	17	50
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	78,076	19	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Cattle and calves sold	1,654,014	10	50
Sheep and lambs sold	337,280	6	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	298,658	42	50
Hogs and pigs sold	293,161	28	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	211,163	24	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Cattle and calves inventory	2,618,319	11	50
Sheep and lamb inventory	416,012	7	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	294,399	42	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	177,740	28	50
Colony of bees inventory	95,331	8	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Wheat-acres	5,602,336	3	46
Hay crops-acres	2,528,517	8	50
Barley-acres	1,093,414	2	45
Oats-acres	66,331	14	49
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	59,345	9	16

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	9,328	7,968	17
\$10,000 or more	14,951	14,853	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,512,749	1,399,200	8
Average per farmdollars..	62,320	61,304	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	334,834	333,711	0
Average per farmdollars..	13,793	14,621	-6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	18,751	17,723	6
Partnership or corporation	5,186	4,844	7
Other	342	254	35
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	15,703	16,006	-2
Other	8,576	6,815	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	21,951	20,995	5
Female	2,328	1,826	27
Operators by race:			
White	23,608	22,356	6
Black and other races	671	465	44
Average age of operator	54.0	52.9	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.