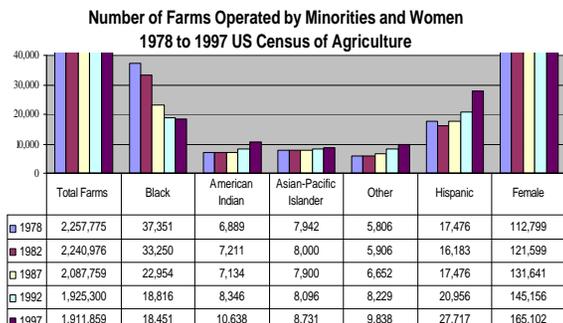
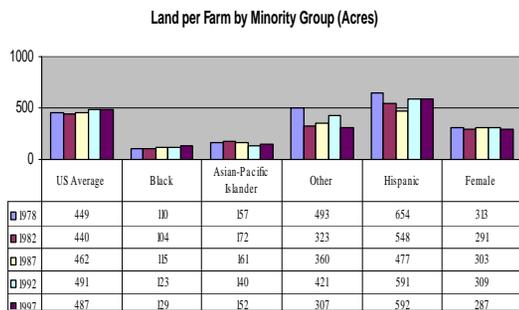




1. The number of Hispanic Operated Farms is increasing faster than other demographic groups.

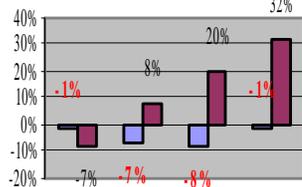


2. Average acres per farm operated by Hispanics are higher than the U.S. average and other demographic groups.



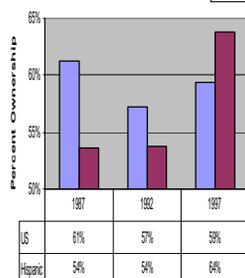
3. The rate of increase of Hispanic farms continues to rise.

Percentage Change in # Farms compared with the previous census.



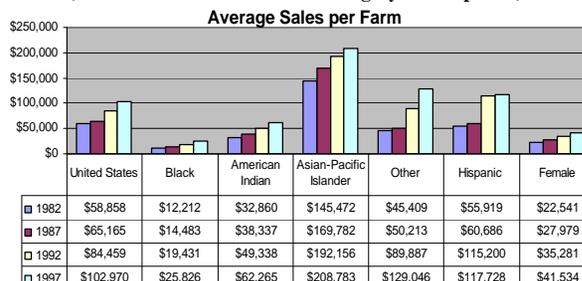
4. The percentage of operator-owned land by Hispanics has risen above that of the US.

Percentage of Operator-Owned Land



5. Average sales for Hispanic Operated Farms increased faster than most groups.

(Note: 80% of the 'Other' race category are Hispanics)



6. Hispanics have a higher proportion of Very Large farms

7. Hispanics have a higher proportion of Very Small farms.

**US and Hispanic Farm Sales (including Gov't Payments)**

Max. Value of Sales	Number of Farms		Percentage	
	US	Hispanic	US	Hispanic
\$ 1,000	195,344	4,610	10%	17%
\$ 2,500	237,793	4,158	12%	15%
\$ 5,000	245,256	3,777	13%	14%
\$ 10,000	254,046	3,554	13%	13%
\$ 25,000	286,849	3,592	15%	13%
\$ 50,000	175,282	2,150	9%	8%
\$ 100,000	161,582	1,791	8%	6%
\$ 250,000	193,068	1,926	10%	7%
\$ 500,000	91,528	1,030	5%	4%
\$ 1,000,000	44,626	584	2%	2%
\$1,000,000+	26,485	545	1.4%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,911,859</b>	<b>27,717</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. The number of Hispanic operators with less than five years on the present farm has increased. Many Hispanic operators have not been on the farm long enough to establish long-term relationships with USDA personnel.

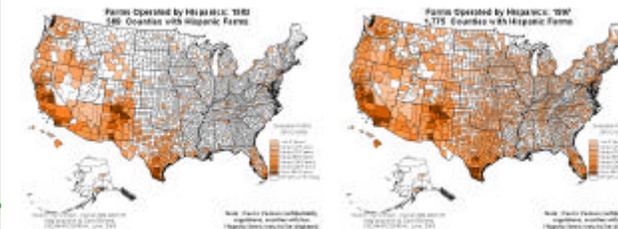
Years on Present Farm

Years	Hispanics			U.S.			% of Hispanic Farms	
	1982	1997	% Δ	1982	1997	% Δ	1982	1997
2 or less	1,588	2,085	31%	127,176	92,574	-27%	1.2%	2.3%
3 - 4	2,079	2,759	33%	192,714	126,791	-34%	1.1%	2.2%
5 - 9	3,394	4,933	45%	360,458	263,642	-27%	0.9%	1.9%
10 or more	6,644	14,348	116%	1,097,660	1,113,839	1%	0.6%	1.3%
not reported	2,478	3,592	45%	462,968	315,013	-32%	0.5%	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,183</b>	<b>27,717</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>2,240,976</b>	<b>1,911,859</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

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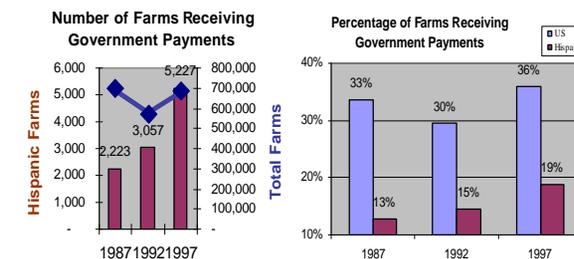
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9. In the 1990s, the number of Hispanic farms outside the border region increased and the geographic distribution of Hispanic farms transformed from a regional to a national phenomenon. The number of counties with Hispanic Farms increased from 589 counties in 1982 to 1,775 counties in 1997.



10. USDA program participation among Hispanics is low.

11. But Hispanic Participation in USDA Programs is increasing steadily.



12. The share of high-value specialty crops (fruit, tree nuts, etc.) was much higher than for U.S. farms. This helps explain high sales per farms for Hispanics. Some of the low USDA program participation may be attributed to the fact that only 12% of Hispanic farmers specialized in traditional commodity crops such as corn and grain.

Classification of Farms by the North American Industry Classifications System

