

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service



SEWARD KANSAS

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 328,094 acres in 1992 to 327,830 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 1,292 acres in 1992 to 1,306 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 193 farms in 1992 to 163 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

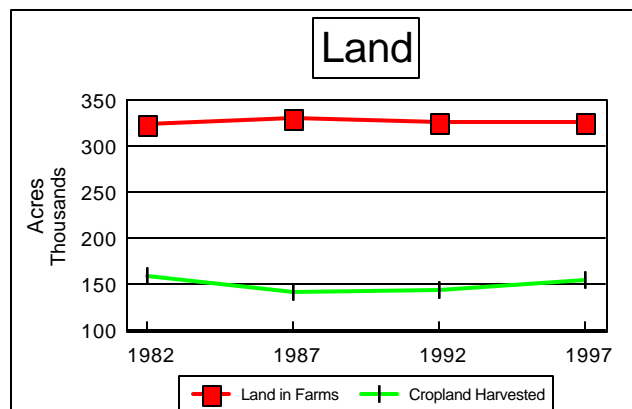
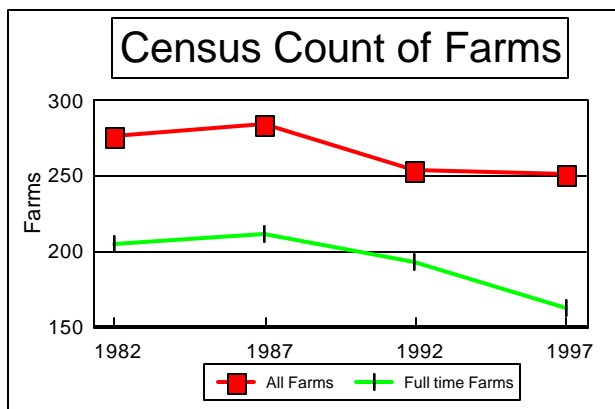
Increased 18 percent to \$256,618,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 19 percent from \$857,950 in 1992 to \$1,022,381 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	256,618	8	105	82	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	222,107	8	105	53	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	34,510	34	105	836	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	197,781	8	105	28	3,063
Corn for grain	20,289	12	105	327	2,582
Hogs and pigs	(D)	4	105	193	2,976
Wheat	7,173	68	105	283	2,578
Dairy products	(D)	7	92	593	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	284,025	8	105	30	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	6	105	274	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	76	61	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	49	97	105	2,278	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	41	52	105	1,856	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	131,675	7	105	72	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	102	22	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	4	105	169	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	440	46	105	1,764	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	113	90	104	2,586	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	69,880	68	105	256	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	43,998	20	105	552	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	30,691	35	105	82	1,508
Hay crops-acres	9,817	90	105	1,739	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,962	75	104	1,416	2,144

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	99	59	68
\$10,000 or more	152	195	-22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	229,854	194,840	18
Average per farmdollars..	915,752	767,085	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	25,281	21,794	16
Average per farmdollars..	100,721	85,804	17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	208	200	4
Partnership or corporation	34	52	-35
Other	9	2	350
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	163	193	-16
Other	88	61	44
Operators by sex:			
Male	234	242	-3
Female	17	12	42
Operators by race:			
White	251	254	-1
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.4	52.2	4

(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.