

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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FREEBORN MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 366,534 acres in 1992 to 379,580 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 318 acres in 1992 to 330 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 800 farms in 1992 to 732 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

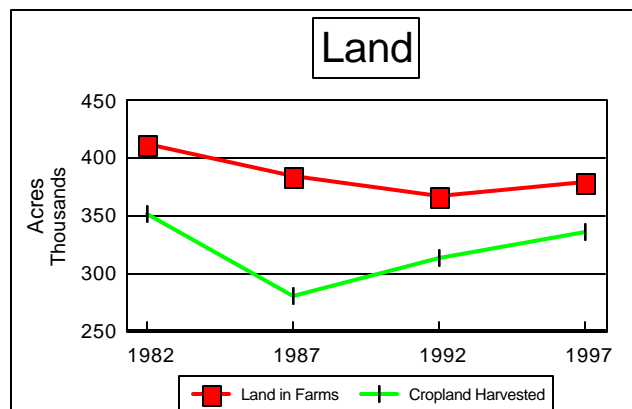
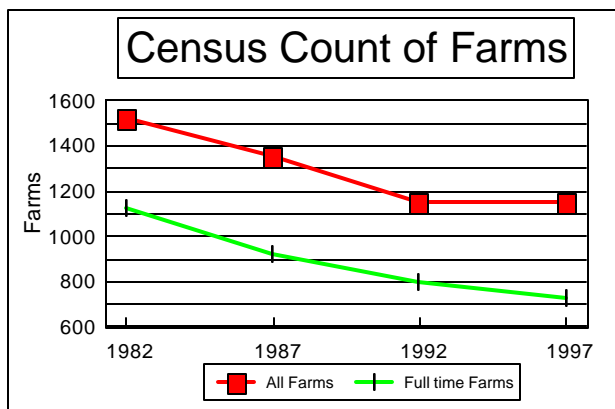
Increased 44 percent to \$163,067,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 45 percent from \$98,014 in 1992 to \$141,674 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	163,067	12	87	205	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	100,434	8	87	144	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	62,632	25	87	369	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	50,307	5	84	47	2,582
Hogs and pigs	50,237	8	85	44	2,976
Soybeans	39,668	9	82	48	2,136
Cattle and calves	5,593	52	87	1,381	3,063
Dairy products	5,331	48	84	615	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	449,639	7	85	49	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	206,424	14	74	325	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	44	69	305	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	78	244	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	9,116	56	87	1,686	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	188,125	8	85	54	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	31,902	30	86	671	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	11	74	315	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	14	53	308	1,790
All turkeys inventory	(D)	43	81	298	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	166,520	7	85	48	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	149,014	14	82	59	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	8,683	10	84	80	2,741
Hay crops-acres	7,897	70	87	1,921	3,061
Potatoes-acres	3,117	8	63	78	1,733

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	305	227	34
\$10,000 or more	846	927	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	118,803	96,813	23
Average per farmdollars..	103,217	83,893	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	39,978	16,320	145
Average per farmdollars..	34,733	14,142	146
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	997	1,005	-1
Partnership or corporation	151	145	4
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	732	800	-9
Other	419	354	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,114	1,123	-1
Female	37	31	19
Operators by race:			
White	1,150	1,152	-0
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	51.3	49.3	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.