

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 377,693 acres in 1992 to 388,733 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 364 acres in 1992 to 359 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 677 farms in 1992 to 580 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

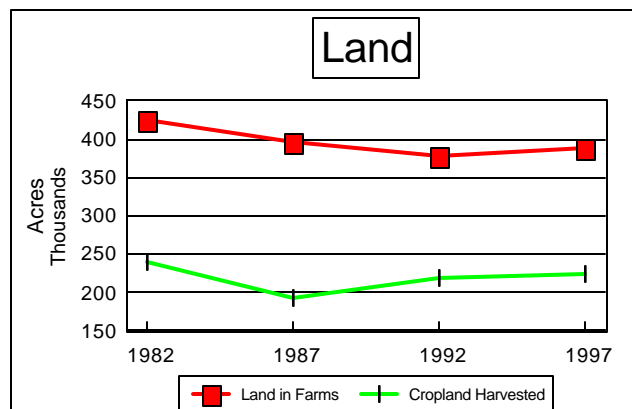
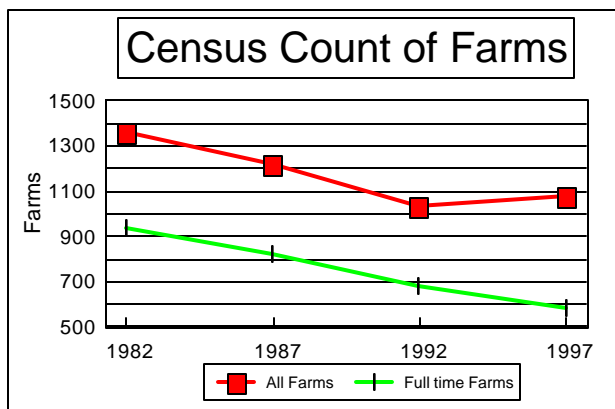
Increased 32 percent to \$99,870,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$72,797 in 1992 to \$92,131 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	99,870	41	87	517	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	66,543	24	87	344	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	33,327	52	87	863	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	37,521	5	87	169	2,901
Dairy products	16,601	18	84	249	2,563
Soybeans	10,910	48	82	516	2,136
Cattle and calves	8,517	31	87	1,024	3,063
Wheat	8,009	12	83	263	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	1,763,260	9	69	49	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		15	74	390	2,203
Mink and their pelts sold	80,277	1	25	6	191
Cattle and calves sold	18,486	25	87	1,062	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	13,530	60	85	935	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	382,061	11	81	75	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		11	86	294	3,002
Mink inventory	65,075	1	24	2	239
Cattle and calves inventory	35,404	19	87	947	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,682	61	85	940	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	70,353	11	84	254	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	58,733	47	82	448	2,144
Hay crops-acres	51,555	9	87	245	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	14,224	65	85	934	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	9,443	9	85	134	2,473

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	543	424	28
\$10,000 or more	541	613	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	71,290	60,597	18
Average per farmdollars..	65,645	58,378	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	25,762	13,131	96
Average per farmdollars..	23,722	12,650	88
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	960	914	5
Partnership or corporation	121	120	1
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	580	677	-14
Other	504	360	40
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,028	993	4
Female	56	44	27
Operators by race:			
White	1,071	1,032	4
Black and other races	13	5	160
Average age of operator	51.9	51.0	2

(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.