

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service



MEEKER MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 301,111 acres in 1992 to 293,213 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 280 acres in 1992 to 289 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 742 farms in 1992 to 627 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

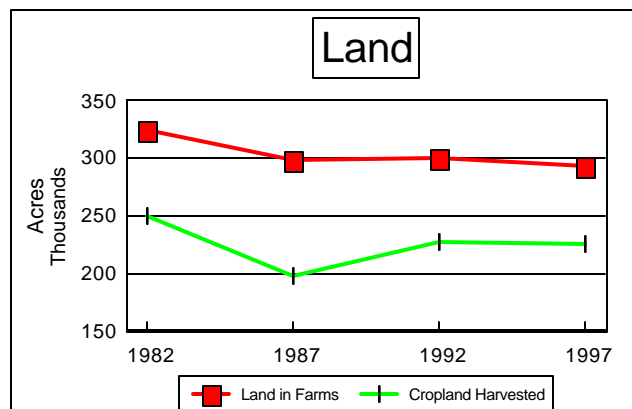
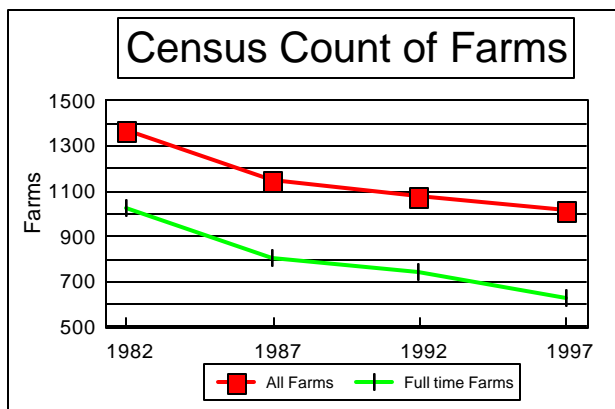
Increased 40 percent to \$139,385,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 48 percent from \$92,742 in 1992 to \$137,190 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	139,385	22	87	284	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	91,782	13	87	213	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	47,603	43	87	584	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	60,022	4	87	93	2,901
Corn for grain	23,408	33	84	268	2,582
Soybeans	20,510	30	82	283	2,136
Dairy products	15,661	21	84	261	2,563
Hogs and pigs	8,759	36	85	371	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	4,160,453	2	69	15	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		3	74	84	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	83,089	34	85	380	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,171	43	87	1,357	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,025	31	79	770	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	1,902,400	2	81	8	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		4	86	69	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory (D)		2	53	27	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	43,315	33	85	346	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	27,577	32	87	1,214	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	98,655	28	85	212	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	95,199	30	82	229	2,144
Hay crops-acres	16,899	44	87	1,202	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	6,651	20	85	215	2,473
Wheat-acres	5,726	29	84	998	2,612

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	337	274	23
\$10,000 or more	679	802	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	113,163	84,978	33
Average per farmdollars..	111,381	79,049	41
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,842	13,725	81
Average per farmdollars..	24,451	12,768	92
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	892	938	-5
Partnership or corporation	117	137	-15
Other	7	1	600
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	627	742	-15
Other	389	334	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	950	1,032	-8
Female	66	44	50
Operators by race:			
White	1,013	1,075	-6
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	51.2	49.9	3

(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.