

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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BENTON MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 183,760 acres in 1992 to 176,330 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 212 acres in 1992 to 211 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 534 farms in 1992 to 449 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

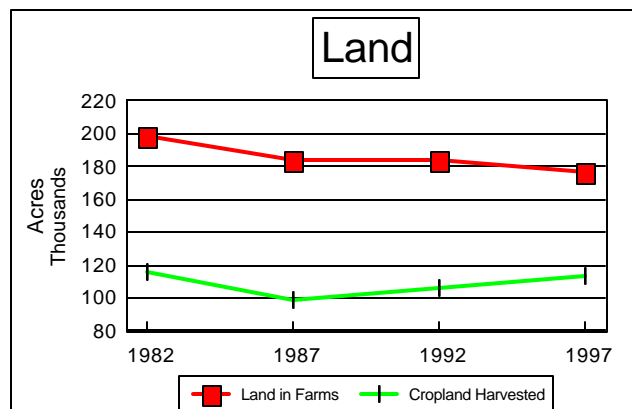
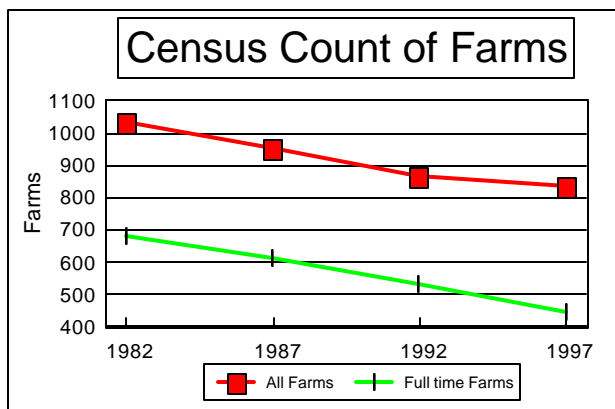
Increased 15 percent to \$89,610,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 19 percent from \$90,107 in 1992 to \$107,446 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	89,610	46	87	604	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	70,105	23	87	332	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	19,505	63	87	1,279	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	29,770	8	87	207	2,901
Dairy products	25,983	11	84	169	2,563
Corn for grain	9,190	51	84	581	2,582
Cattle and calves	8,577	30	87	1,021	3,063
Hogs and pigs	5,590	42	85	495	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5,158,371	3	79	257	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		21	74	457	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	53,719	43	85	501	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,622	24	87	1,057	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (D)		33	78	805	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	937,691	3	85	243	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	109,328	15	86	407	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	36,711	17	87	907	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	29,030	40	85	461	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		15	74	406	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	50,697	48	85	505	2,691
Hay crops-acres	31,036	25	87	649	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,856	59	82	840	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	10,386	7	85	117	2,473
Oats-acres	3,410	26	87	203	2,332

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	336	311	8
\$10,000 or more	498	554	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	65,342	59,436	10
Average per farmdollars..	78,442	68,712	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	22,550	16,175	39
Average per farmdollars..	27,071	18,699	45
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	757	786	-4
Partnership or corporation	76	77	-1
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	449	534	-16
Other	385	331	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	801	823	-3
Female	33	42	-21
Operators by race:			
White	833	863	-3
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	49.5	50.0	-1

(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.