

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 392,615 acres in 1992 to 404,238 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 323 acres in 1992 to 360 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 860 farms in 1992 to 732 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

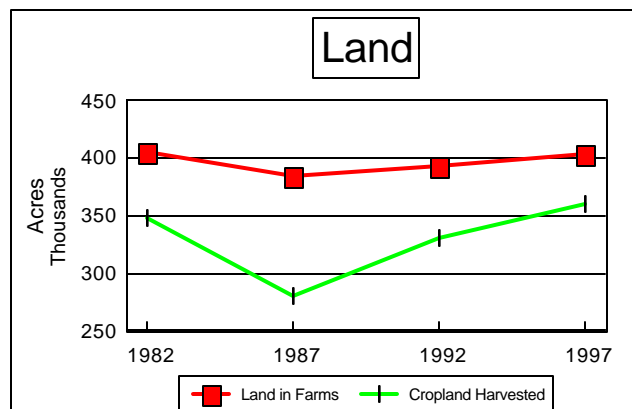
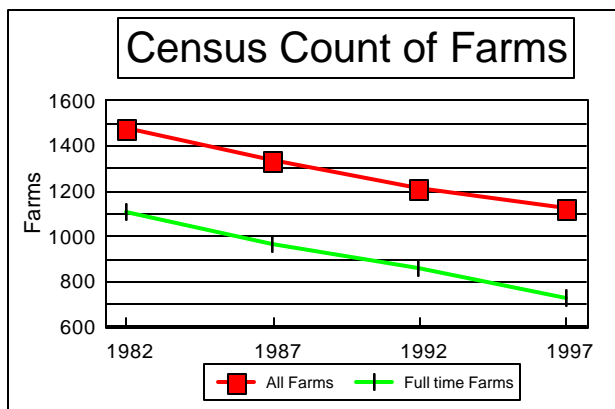
Increased 43 percent to \$162,784,000 in 1997.

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 54 percent from \$93,931 in 1992 to \$144,955 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 | 162,784 | 13 | 87 | 207 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 100,864 | 7 | 87 | 140 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 61,921 | 27 | 87 | 377 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 50,036 | 6 | 84 | 48 | 2,582 |
| Soybeans | 43,554 | 7 | 82 | 30 | 2,136 |
| Hogs and pigs | 40,303 | 15 | 85 | 62 | 2,976 |
| Dairy products | 12,087 | 28 | 84 | 316 | 2,563 |
| Cattle and calves | 8,423 | 33 | 87 | 1,039 | 3,063 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 330,805 | 17 | 85 | 83 | 2,976 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 11 | 79 | 582 | 1,882 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | 50,069 | 27 | 74 | 628 | 2,203 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 16,135 | 30 | 87 | 1,178 | 3,063 |
| Turkeys sold | (D) | 49 | 69 | 409 | 1,353 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 164,745 | 14 | 85 | 74 | 3,005 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 24,430 | 40 | 87 | 1,346 | 3,064 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | (D) | 34 | 86 | 764 | 3,002 |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory | (D) | 15 | 53 | 320 | 1,790 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 2,072 | 23 | 86 | 528 | 2,864 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Corn for grain-acres | 169,284 | 6 | 85 | 45 | 2,691 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 163,771 | 11 | 82 | 40 | 2,144 |
| Hay crops-acres | 11,535 | 59 | 87 | 1,563 | 3,061 |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 10,901 | 6 | 84 | 59 | 2,741 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 4,014 | 36 | 85 | 383 | 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 | 249 | 255 | -2 |
| \$10,000 or more | 874 | 959 | -9 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 116,176 | 94,532 | 23 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 103,359 | 77,868 | 33 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 46,891 | 19,823 | 137 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 41,718 | 16,329 | 155 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 973 | 1,056 | -8 |
| Partnership or corporation | 141 | 148 | -5 |
| Other | 9 | 10 | -10 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 732 | 860 | -15 |
| Other | 391 | 354 | 10 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 1,093 | 1,180 | -7 |
| Female | 30 | 34 | -12 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 1,123 | 1,214 | -7 |
| Black and other races | | | |
| Average age of operator | 50.5 | 49.1 | 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.