

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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## NORMAN MINNESOTA

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 457,670 acres in 1992 to 483,041 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 788 acres in 1992 to 721 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 464 farms in 1992 to 457 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

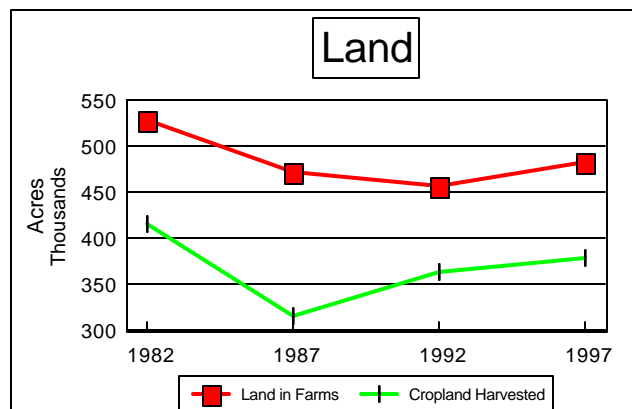
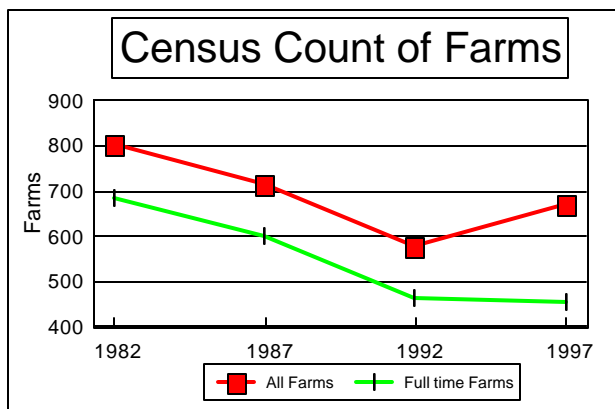
Decreased 3 percent to \$75,243,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 16 percent from \$134,154 in 1992 to \$112,303 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	75,243	51	87	759	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	68,651	25	87	327	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,592	75	87	2,181	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	27,361	6	77	50	2,237
Wheat	17,242	6	83	94	2,578
Soybeans	14,441	45	82	418	2,136
Barley	3,119	3	77	65	1,167
Dairy products	2,666	67	84	926	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	12,258	61	85	971	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	5,057	74	87	2,161	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	360	57	79	1,127	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	135	81	86	1,891	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	67	78	1,711	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,466	67	87	2,019	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,600	60	85	905	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	15	76	246	2,588
Broiler inventory	(D)	51	85	1,023	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	297	72	86	2,069	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	175,570	5	84	79	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	87,583	35	82	271	2,144
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	40,683	5	30	9	199
Barley-acres	35,960	5	85	45	1,411
Hay crops-acres	16,206	46	87	1,243	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	220	119	85
\$10,000 or more .....	450	462	-3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	65,175	59,675	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	96,987	102,710	-6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,148	17,110	-58
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,636	29,449	-64
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	568	489	16
Partnership or corporation .....	102	91	12
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	457	464	-2
Other .....	213	117	82
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	628	565	11
Female .....	42	16	163
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	670	581	15
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	50.3	47.6	6

(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.