

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service



OTTER TAIL MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 821,073 acres in 1992 to 840,353 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 327 acres in 1992 to 317 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 1,740 farms in 1992 to 1,543 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

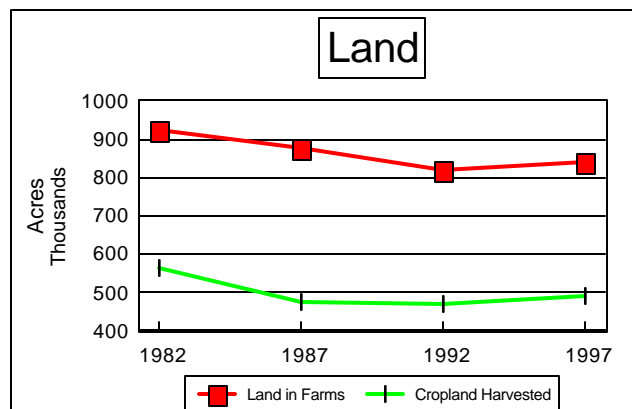
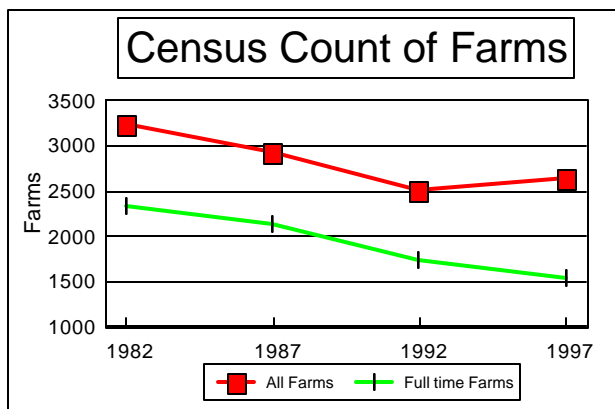
Increased 18 percent to \$201,431,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$68,045 in 1992 to \$76,098 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	201,431	7	87	134	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	120,698	7	87	132	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	80,733	15	87	235	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	60,178	3	84	51	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	30,645	7	87	200	2,901
Corn for grain	22,568	34	84	286	2,582
Cattle and calves	20,599	8	87	388	3,063
Soybeans	18,092	38	82	337	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	2,003,783	8	69	45	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	93,176	2	78	64	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	67,030	38	85	434	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	44,983	2	87	348	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	11,473	9	25	61	191
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	746,009	8	81	44	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	103,462	2	87	120	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		25	86	575	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	30,322	39	85	447	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	18,598	1	76	16	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	123,924	1	87	22	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	116,693	23	85	157	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	89,799	32	82	260	2,144
Wheat-acres	72,930	10	84	248	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	28,970	2	85	15	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	1,148	877	31
\$10,000 or more	1,499	1,632	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	151,496	133,084	14
Average per farmdollars..	57,233	53,043	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	47,601	37,668	26
Average per farmdollars..	17,983	15,013	20
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,364	2,241	5
Partnership or corporation	280	264	6
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,543	1,740	-11
Other	1,104	769	44
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,522	2,404	5
Female	125	105	19
Operators by race:			
White	2,640	2,504	5
Black and other races	7	5	40
Average age of operator	52.8	50.4	5

(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.