

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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BIG STONE MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 262,207 acres in 1992 to 253,988 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 570 acres in 1992 to 605 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 374 farms in 1992 to 301 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

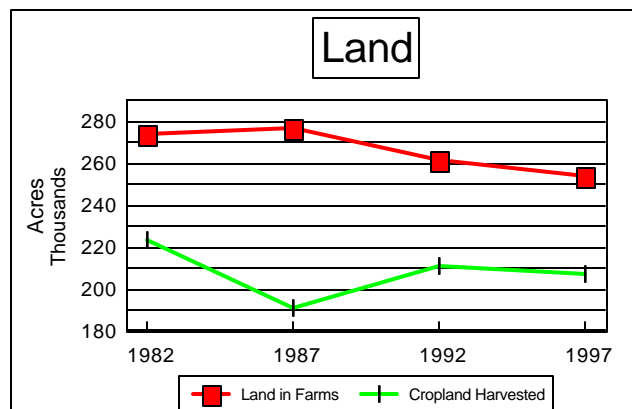
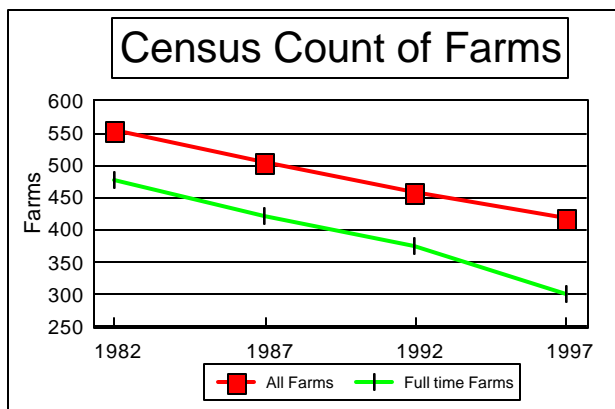
Increased 22 percent to \$54,617,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 34 percent from \$97,069 in 1992 to \$130,039 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	54,617	59	87	1,094	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	38,297	48	87	754	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	16,320	57	87	1,427	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	19,531	35	82	311	2,136
Corn for grain	13,556	44	84	465	2,582
Hogs and pigs	9,370	34	85	350	2,976
Wheat	4,339	16	83	416	2,578
Dairy products	2,754	65	84	917	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	42	69	260	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	77,323	35	85	397	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	37	74	701	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	21	79	688	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	4,240	75	87	2,285	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	35	81	224	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	36,103	37	85	406	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	33	86	753	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	8,335	75	87	2,300	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	4	76	67	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	101,532	28	82	202	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	61,782	46	85	431	2,691
Wheat-acres	36,384	16	84	387	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,982	78	87	2,149	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,697	65	85	773	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	92	72	28
\$10,000 or more	328	388	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	41,593	34,957	19
Average per farmdollars..	99,030	75,994	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,374	12,542	-1
Average per farmdollars..	29,463	27,264	8
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	367	399	-8
Partnership or corporation	51	60	-15
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	301	374	-20
Other	119	86	38
Operators by sex:			
Male	405	443	-9
Female	15	17	-12
Operators by race:			
White	420	460	-9
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	49.5	49.3	0

(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.