

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 1,042,850 acres in 1992 to 1,051,813 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 782 acres in 1992 to 770 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 1,077 farms in 1992 to 912 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

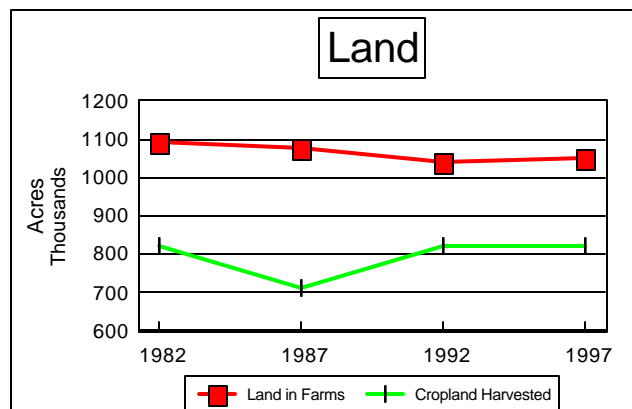
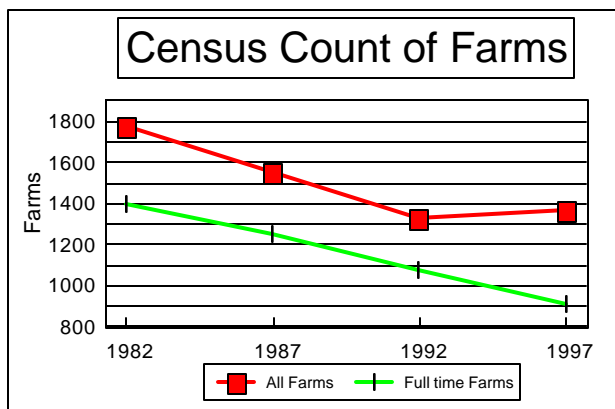
Decreased 2 percent to \$193,650,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$147,499 in 1992 to \$141,764 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	193,650	8	87	145	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	177,822	1	87	52	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,827	58	87	1,465	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	87,445	1	77	8	2,237
Wheat	40,303	1	83	14	2,578
Soybeans	18,526	37	82	328	2,136
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	14,574	1	76	54	1,971
Barley	7,868	1	77	21	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	18,714	56	85	832	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,361	40	87	1,345	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,329	20	86	418	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	27	56	611
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	11	55	378	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	26,586	35	87	1,253	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	14,445	3	76	25	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,418	62	85	948	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,120	49	86	868	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	482	45	87	1,645	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	374,715	1	84	10	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	109,553	24	82	163	2,144
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	106,430	1	30	1	199
Barley-acres	81,226	1	85	14	1,411
Hay crops-acres	41,860	17	87	395	3,061

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	456	277	65
\$10,000 or more	910	1,057	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	166,304	157,329	6
Average per farmdollars..	121,567	118,026	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,697	38,374	-36
Average per farmdollars..	18,054	28,788	-37
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,047	995	5
Partnership or corporation	304	334	-9
Other	15	5	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	912	1,077	-15
Other	454	257	77
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,307	1,310	-0
Female	59	24	146
Operators by race:			
White	1,360	1,333	2
Black and other races	6	1	500
Average age of operator	50.4	48.8	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.