

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## ROCK MINNESOTA

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 270,332 acres in 1992 to 280,715 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 342 acres in 1992 to 399 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 613 farms in 1992 to 489 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

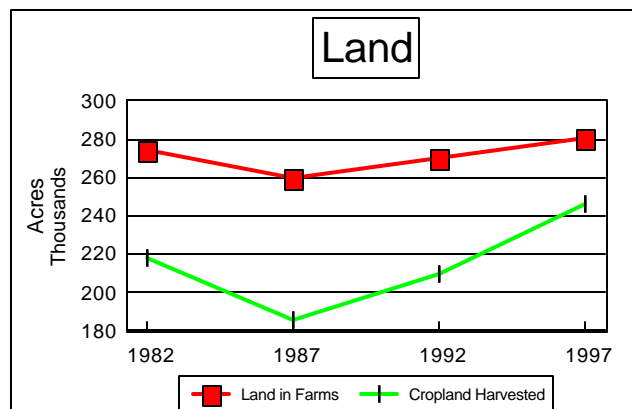
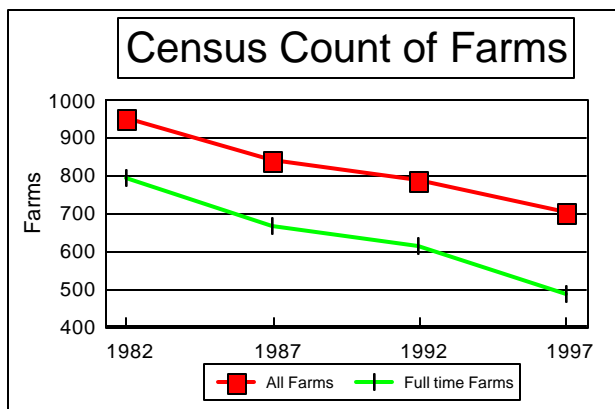
Increased 49 percent to \$134,842,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 67 percent from \$114,445 in 1992 to \$191,537 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	134,842	24	87	301	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	79,935	20	87	273	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	54,907	36	87	477	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	43,724	14	85	59	2,976
Cattle and calves	28,645	3	87	255	3,063
Soybeans	27,575	20	82	157	2,136
Corn for grain	26,076	29	84	230	2,582
Dairy products	5,566	44	84	588	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	392,161	13	85	67	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	10	79	578	1,882
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	2	25	14	191
Cattle and calves sold	42,372	4	87	382	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,662	28	86	547	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	149,178	15	85	85	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	40,383	15	87	814	3,064
Mink inventory	(D)	4	24	33	239
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,531	35	86	684	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,134	48	86	1,129	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	117,712	21	85	152	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	115,688	22	82	138	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,923	62	87	1,620	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,369	33	85	345	2,473
Oats-acres	1,413	57	87	495	2,332

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 .....	114	108	6
\$10,000 or more .....	590	683	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	103,960	75,048	39
Average per farm .....dollars..	147,670	94,877	56
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	28,884	14,797	95
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,028	18,706	119
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	615	708	-13
Partnership or corporation .....	88	83	6
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	489	613	-20
Other .....	215	178	21
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	684	762	-10
Female .....	20	29	-31
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	704	789	-11
Black and other races .....	-	2	-100
Average age of operator .....	48.0	47.4	1

(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.