

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service



STEARNS MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 643,762 acres in 1992 to 646,025 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 217 acres in 1992 to 217 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 2,158 farms in 1992 to 1,984 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

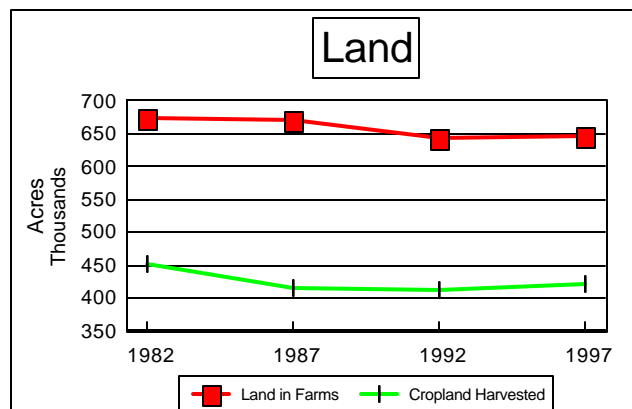
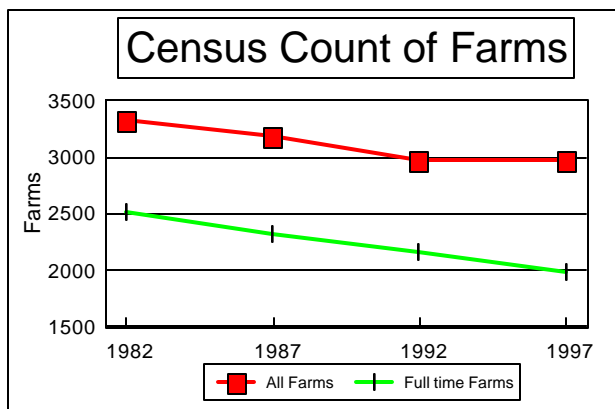
Increased 12 percent to \$302,244,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$90,506 in 1992 to \$101,356 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	302,244	1	87	62	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	247,471	1	87	46	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	54,773	37	87	480	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	129,312	1	84	17	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	62,908	2	87	85	2,901
Cattle and calves	35,734	1	87	199	3,063
Corn for grain	29,527	26	84	197	2,582
Hogs and pigs	17,509	29	85	204	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,859,329	2	79	204	1,882
Turkeys sold	3,966,192	3	69	17	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	943,465	5	74	89	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	194,507	27	85	177	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	69,647	1	87	177	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	1,503,816	4	81	17	2,361
Broiler inventory	1,321,854	2	85	207	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	752,405	6	86	105	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	235,341	1	74	60	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	167,662	1	87	48	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	163,227	10	85	58	2,691
Hay crops-acres	118,990	2	87	26	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	66,386	44	82	393	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	46,575	1	85	5	2,473
Oats-acres	24,492	2	87	2	2,332

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	920	747	23
\$10,000 or more	2,062	2,225	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	231,285	205,419	13
Average per farmdollars..	77,508	69,095	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	67,476	61,438	10
Average per farmdollars..	22,612	20,665	9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,674	2,658	1
Partnership or corporation	294	309	-5
Other	14	5	180
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,984	2,158	-8
Other	998	814	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,842	2,875	-1
Female	140	97	44
Operators by race:			
White	2,981	2,971	0
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	50.1	48.3	4

(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.