

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service



STEELE MINNESOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 231,610 acres in 1992 to 226,926 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 283 acres in 1992 to 293 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 575 farms in 1992 to 479 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

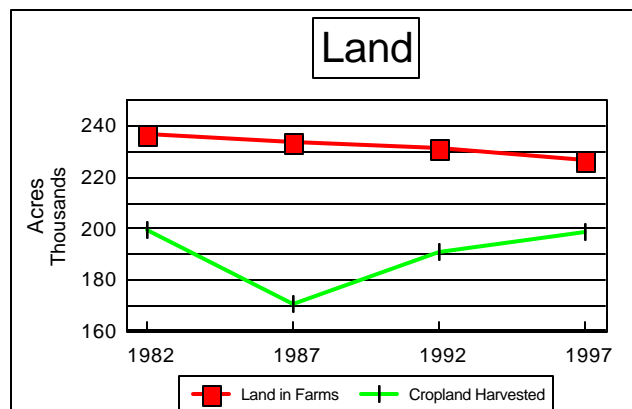
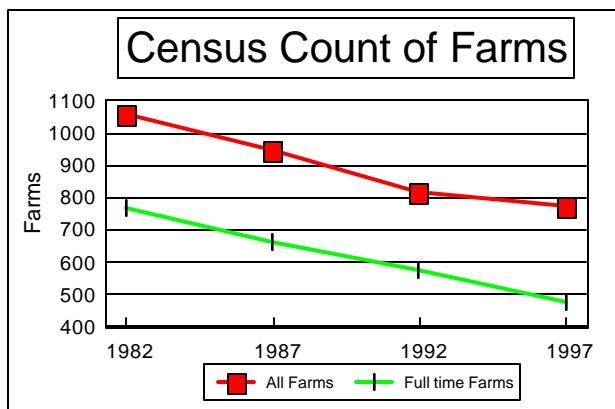
Increased 30 percent to \$96,432,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$90,425 in 1992 to \$124,590 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	96,432	42	87	542	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	56,156	35	87	456	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	40,277	43	87	666	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	28,095	27	84	206	2,582
Soybeans	20,369	32	82	286	2,136
Hogs and pigs	17,477	30	85	207	2,976
Dairy products	12,141	27	84	315	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	5,899	24	87	550	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	17	69	114	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	157,252	30	85	226	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	67,890	24	74	565	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,360	61	87	1,853	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	38	79	836	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	78,004	28	85	209	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	53,956	24	86	565	3,002
All turkeys inventory	44,387	36	81	228	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	18,367	50	87	1,617	3,064
Broiler inventory	1,156	25	85	767	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	96,425	31	85	224	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	82,074	38	82	298	2,144
Hay crops-acres	11,592	58	87	1,553	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,146	13	84	113	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	2,570	52	85	565	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	218	189	15
\$10,000 or more	556	630	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	70,232	59,764	18
Average per farmdollars..	90,739	72,971	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,589	14,794	66
Average per farmdollars..	31,769	18,064	76
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	691	728	-5
Partnership or corporation	82	85	-4
Other	1	6	-83
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	479	575	-17
Other	295	244	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	741	795	-7
Female	33	24	38
Operators by race:			
White	774	816	-5
Black and other races	-	3	-100
Average age of operator	50.1	48.7	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.