

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



CUSTER NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 1,425,338 acres in 1992 to 1,552,166 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 1,079 acres in 1992 to 1,188 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 990 farms in 1992 to 932 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

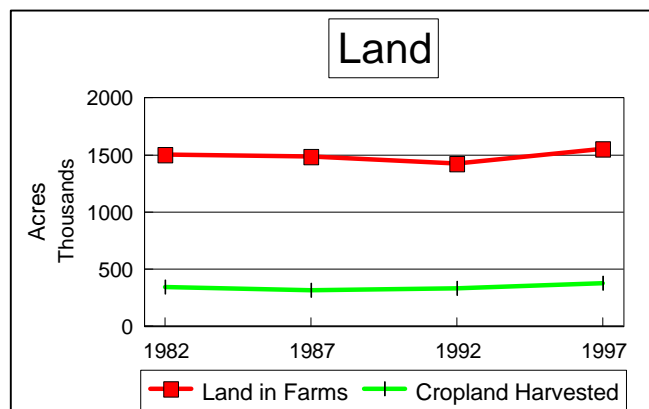
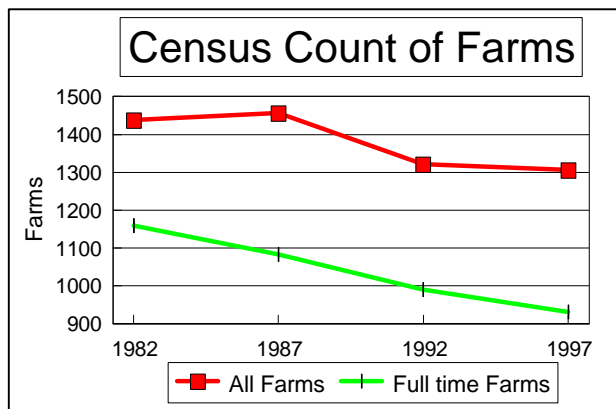
Increased 32 percent to \$288,541,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$165,869 in 1992 to \$220,766 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	288,541	4	93	71	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	212,440	4	93	54	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	76,101	13	93	266	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	197,642	4	93	29	3,063
Corn for grain	58,480	10	92	31	2,582
Hogs and pigs	10,791	27	91	310	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	7,646	2	93	78	3,043
Soybeans	7,113	41	81	648	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	288,956	4	93	28	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	114,092	25	91	299	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	7,885	2	89	157	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	560	34	63	1,052	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	212	5	93	321	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	298,578	2	93	12	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	63,586	15	91	255	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,318	3	90	290	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,956	2	93	223	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,560	17	93	1,018	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	217,261	4	93	16	2,691
Hay crops-acres	108,927	4	93	32	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	28,214	43	81	696	2,144
Wheat-acres	12,134	32	87	696	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	11,014	1	92	108	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	284	294	-3
\$10,000 or more	1,023	1,027	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	206,332	198,834	4
Average per farmdollars..	157,988	150,518	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	77,849	19,947	290
Average per farmdollars..	59,609	15,100	295
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,106	1,150	-4
Partnership or corporation	183	166	10
Other	18	5	260
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	932	990	-6
Other	375	331	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,225	1,253	-2
Female	82	68	21
Operators by race:			
White	1,305	1,316	-1
Black and other races	2	5	-60
Average age of operator	52.4	51.3	2

(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.