

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



## DAWES NEBRASKA

### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 842,110 acres in 1992 to 821,756 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 1,888 acres in 1992 to 1,745 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 309 farms in 1992 to 314 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

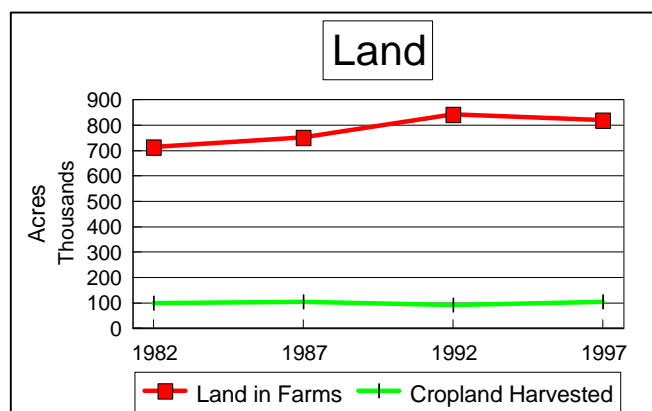
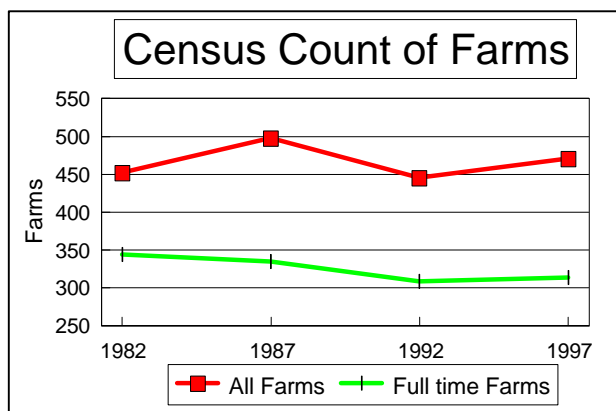
Increased 19 percent to \$28,195,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 12 percent from \$53,284 in 1992 to \$59,863 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	28,195	81	93	1,802	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,573	71	93	1,219	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,623	83	93	1,911	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	20,078	62	93	404	3,063
Wheat	3,991	20	87	441	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	22	93	411	3,043
Corn for grain	1,136	89	92	1,297	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	390	32	86	465	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	39,948	57	93	416	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,356	5	89	408	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,258	88	91	1,743	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	51	63	1,303	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	60	27	93	1,451	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	59,413	46	93	464	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,487	5	90	444	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	1,480	12	60	363	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	964	10	93	786	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	591	90	91	1,817	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	62,706	10	93	159	3,061
Wheat-acres	36,633	18	87	383	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	4,622	89	93	1,348	2,691
Oats-acres	1,013	26	89	644	2,332
Proso millet-acres	470	12	29	67	190

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 .....	160	139	15
\$10,000 or more .....	311	307	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	22,313	17,734	26
Average per farm .....dollars..	47,373	39,763	19
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,900	5,734	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,526	12,856	-3
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	398	381	4
Partnership or corporation .....	66	59	12
Other .....	7	6	17
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	314	309	2
Other .....	157	137	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	430	409	5
Female .....	41	37	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	468	446	5
Black and other races .....	3	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.6	53.9	5

(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.