

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



KEARNEY NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 310,042 acres in 1992 to 319,771 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 618 acres in 1992 to 650 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 429 farms in 1992 to 395 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

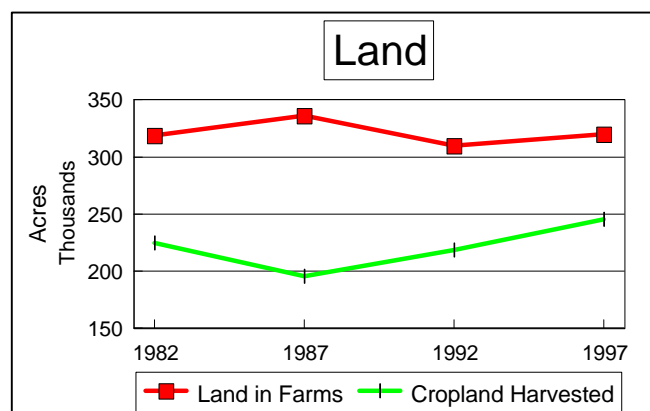
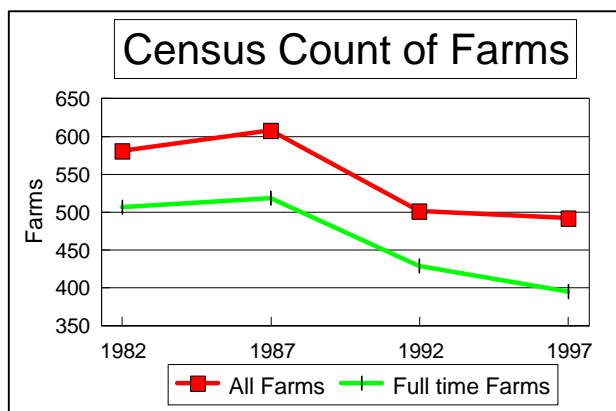
Increased 26 percent to \$196,557,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$310,191 in 1992 to \$399,506 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	196,557	8	93	140	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	111,563	12	93	154	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	84,994	7	93	211	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	99,787	10	93	57	3,063
Corn for grain	66,053	5	92	18	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	2	49	141	2,237
Soybeans	6,075	45	81	693	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	5	87	547	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	3	36	123	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	140,586	10	93	64	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	47,972	46	91	533	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	589	55	89	1,143	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	24	46	1,413	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	64	136	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	89,855	20	93	183	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,188	51	91	612	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	674	55	90	1,217	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	300	53	93	2,211	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	194,528	8	93	29	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	22,360	46	81	761	2,144
Wheat-acres	11,788	33	87	707	2,612
Hay crops-acres	7,809	80	93	1,927	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	5,545	27	86	274	1,508

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	73	54	35
\$10,000 or more	419	448	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	160,445	128,682	25
Average per farmdollars..	325,445	256,338	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	30,539	26,660	15
Average per farmdollars..	61,944	53,107	17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	401	411	-2
Partnership or corporation	91	91	
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	395	429	-8
Other	97	73	33
Operators by sex:			
Male	481	483	-0
Female	11	19	-42
Operators by race:			
White	492	502	-2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	50.8	49.6	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.