

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



PIERCE NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 297,326 acres in 1992 to 308,822 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 410 acres in 1992 to 431 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 546 farms in 1992 to 481 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

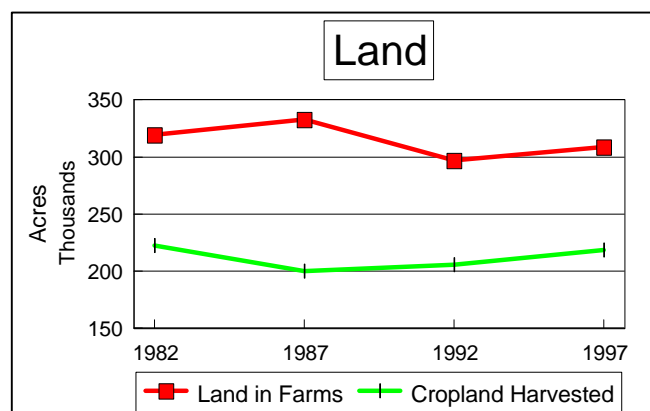
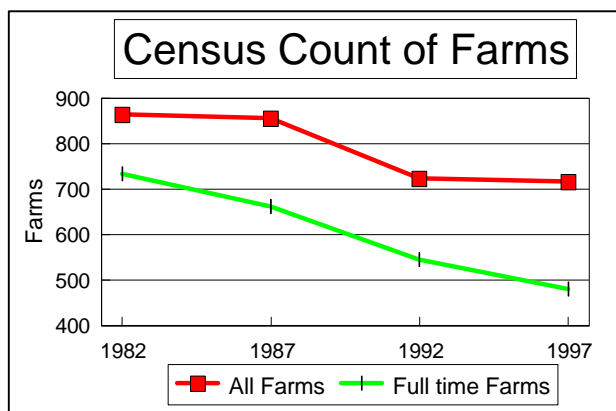
Increased 2 percent to \$108,138,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$145,992 in 1992 to \$150,820 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	108,138	37	93	444	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	62,546	37	93	370	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	45,592	37	93	609	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	40,892	46	93	165	3,063
Corn for grain	27,382	30	92	214	2,582
Soybeans	16,330	21	81	376	2,136
Hogs and pigs	15,891	16	91	227	2,976
Dairy products	3,339	10	82	814	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	46	101	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	140,948	19	91	245	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	58,253	46	93	227	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,595	14	89	565	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,200	23	63	904	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	31	80	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	74	85	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	79,255	13	91	206	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	65,110	40	93	390	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,480	14	93	916	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	119,747	27	93	146	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	71,681	20	81	357	2,144
Hay crops-acres	24,567	33	93	832	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,317	20	92	448	2,473
Oats-acres	2,405	7	89	293	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	146	117	25
\$10,000 or more	571	608	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	84,809	85,077	-0
Average per farmdollars..	118,283	117,186	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	21,048	19,916	6
Average per farmdollars..	29,356	27,433	7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	646	657	-2
Partnership or corporation	67	66	2
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	481	546	-12
Other	236	179	32
Operators by sex:			
Male	686	707	-3
Female	31	18	72
Operators by race:			
White	716	725	-1
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	51.1	50.2	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.