

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



PLATTE NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 409,715 acres in 1992 to 420,028 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 373 acres in 1992 to 410 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 824 farms in 1992 to 714 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

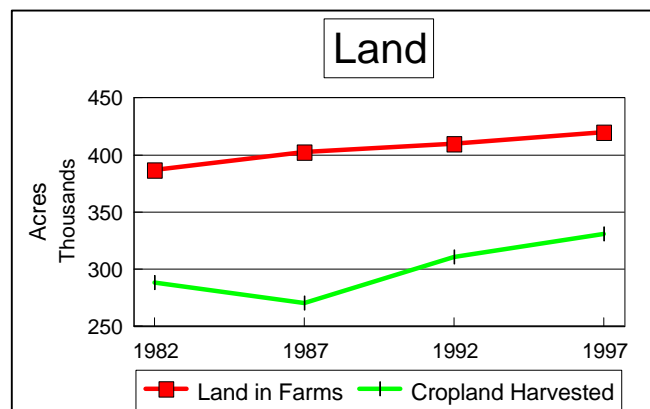
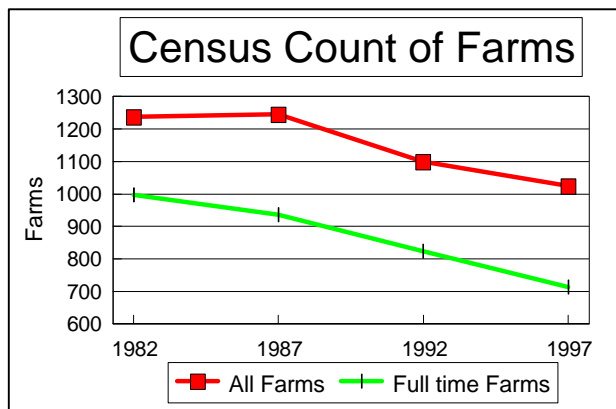
Increased 35 percent to \$224,770,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$152,028 in 1992 to \$219,502 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	224,770	7	93	113	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	143,701	7	93	95	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	81,069	10	93	232	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	87,793	15	93	70	3,063
Hogs and pigs	51,883	1	91	43	2,976
Corn for grain	49,705	15	92	53	2,582
Soybeans	28,384	2	81	143	2,136
Dairy products	3,758	9	82	760	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	519,480	1	91	38	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	115,714	15	93	83	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,500	11	63	791	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	1,270	24	89	690	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	50	37	93	1,648	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	182,148	3	91	57	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	87,516	22	93	197	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,098	32	90	890	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,052	22	93	1,174	3,002
Broiler inventory	509	22	83	960	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	196,527	7	93	28	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	112,955	4	81	147	2,144
Hay crops-acres	18,350	46	93	1,116	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	5,580	7	92	267	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,203	59	87	1,603	2,612

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	164	171	-4
\$10,000 or more	860	928	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	166,440	130,147	28
Average per farmdollars..	162,857	118,531	37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	56,307	34,593	63
Average per farmdollars..	55,095	31,506	75
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	861	955	-10
Partnership or corporation	161	142	13
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	714	824	-13
Other	310	275	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	992	1,072	-7
Female	32	27	19
Operators by race:			
White	1,023	1,098	-7
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	49.8	49.0	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.