

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 250,086 acres in 1992 to 258,541 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 400 acres in 1992 to 430 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 475 farms in 1992 to 457 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

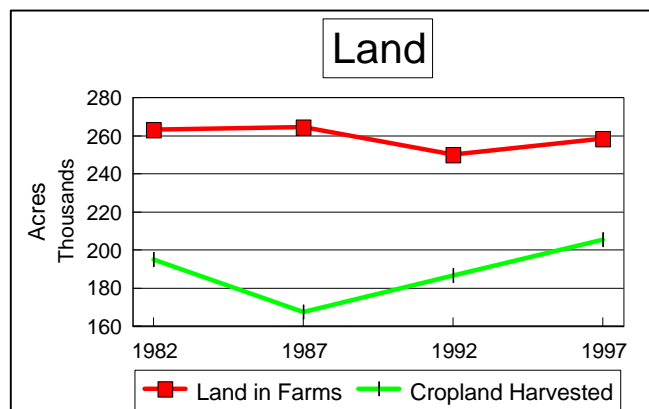
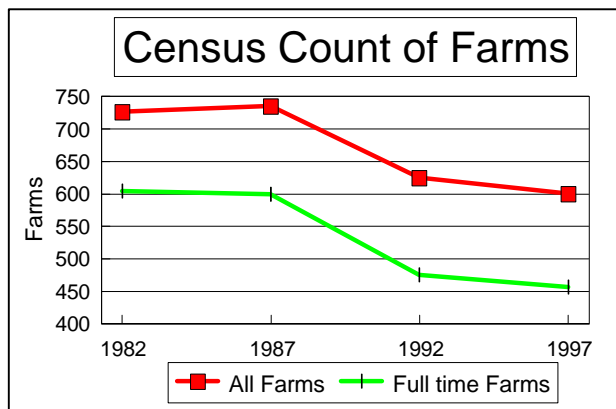
Increased 40 percent to \$165,623,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 45 percent from \$189,632 in 1992 to \$275,579 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	165,623	13	93	198	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	102,489	17	93	182	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	63,134	23	93	377	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	87,388	16	93	71	3,063
Corn for grain	45,690	18	92	76	2,582
Soybeans	15,367	24	81	394	2,136
Hogs and pigs	12,248	22	91	289	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	1,994	12	87	799	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	200,549	6	46	332	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	137,139	20	91	254	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	108,989	17	93	89	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	11	36	384	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	333	74	89	1,473	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	187,186	6	93	305	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	64,209	41	93	403	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	4	74	221	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	51,109	26	91	303	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	512	64	90	1,399	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	137,230	24	93	112	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	54,080	29	81	485	2,144
Hay crops-acres	9,525	77	93	1,762	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,979	29	86	310	1,508
Corn for silage-acres	1,988	36	92	693	2,473

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 .....	81	83	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	520	542	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	131,944	97,365	36
Average per farm .....dollars..	219,540	155,784	41
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	28,548	20,041	42
Average per farm .....dollars..	47,501	32,065	48
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	479	521	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	120	101	19
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	457	475	-4
Other .....	144	150	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	583	609	-4
Female .....	18	16	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	600	625	-4
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	50.4	48.3	4

(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.