

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



SHERMAN NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 298,115 acres in 1992 to 323,887 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 596 acres in 1992 to 671 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 357 farms in 1992 to 343 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

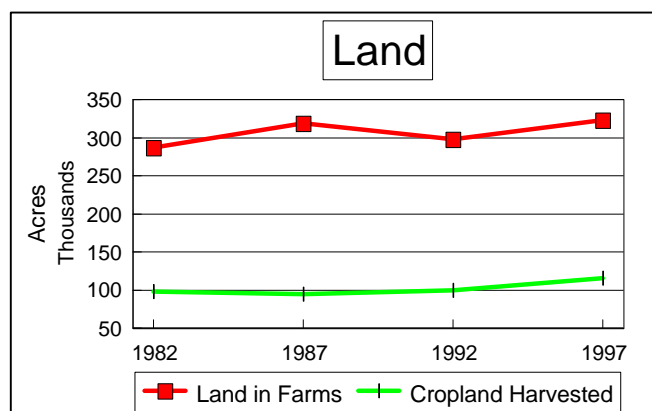
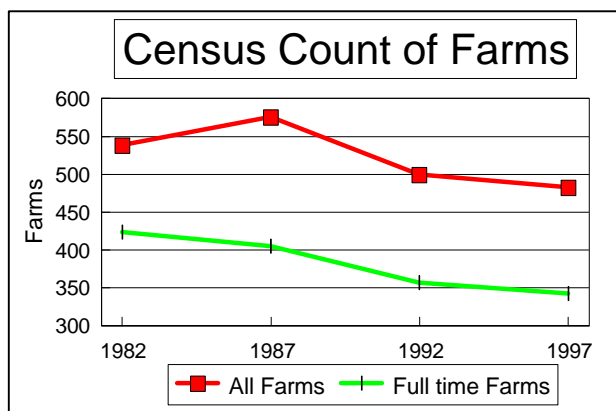
Increased 24 percent to \$43,128,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$69,832 in 1992 to \$89,291 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 | 43,128 | 75 | 93 | 1,356 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 23,521 | 64 | 93 | 1,131 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 19,607 | 74 | 93 | 1,264 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 17,919 | 51 | 92 | 378 | 2,582 |
| Cattle and calves | 16,822 | 67 | 93 | 517 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 2,635 | 14 | 93 | 270 | 3,043 |
| Soybeans | 2,590 | 58 | 81 | 920 | 2,136 |
| Hogs and pigs | 1,587 | 62 | 91 | 882 | 2,976 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 30,464 | 64 | 93 | 626 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 13,728 | 64 | 91 | 930 | 2,976 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 1,809 | 11 | 89 | 513 | 2,765 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 40 | 63 | 1,179 | 1,882 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 13 | 53 | 1,208 | 2,200 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 53,297 | 50 | 93 | 547 | 3,064 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 10,184 | 58 | 91 | 799 | 3,005 |
| Colony of bees inventory | (D) | 1 | 60 | 85 | 2,588 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 1,897 | 10 | 90 | 578 | 2,864 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory | 496 | 8 | 88 | 1,019 | 2,884 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Corn for grain-acres | 65,040 | 58 | 93 | 394 | 2,691 |
| Hay crops-acres | 38,621 | 21 | 93 | 460 | 3,061 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 11,420 | 57 | 81 | 956 | 2,144 |
| Wheat-acres | 2,146 | 51 | 87 | 1,403 | 2,612 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 1,473 | 50 | 92 | 843 | 2,473 |

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 | 111 | 113 | -2 |
| \$10,000 or more | 372 | 387 | -4 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 31,393 | 29,044 | 8 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 64,862 | 58,205 | 11 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 10,747 | 3,845 | 180 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 22,204 | 7,706 | 188 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 426 | 426 | |
| Partnership or corporation | 54 | 72 | -25 |
| Other | 3 | 2 | 50 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 343 | 357 | -4 |
| Other | 140 | 143 | -2 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 458 | 477 | -4 |
| Female | 25 | 23 | 9 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 479 | 500 | -4 |
| Black and other races | 4 | - | |
| Average age of operator | 53.3 | 49.9 | 7 |

(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.