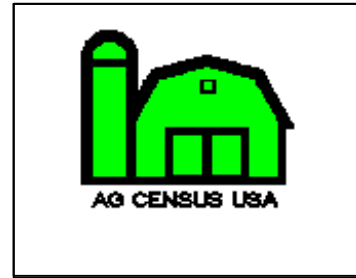


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## THOMAS NEBRASKA

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 360,203 acres in 1992 to 368,521 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 3,713 acres in 1992 to 4,236 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 68 farms in 1992 to 60 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

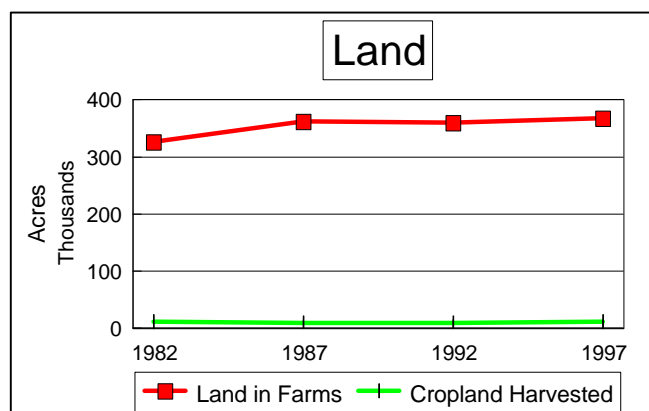
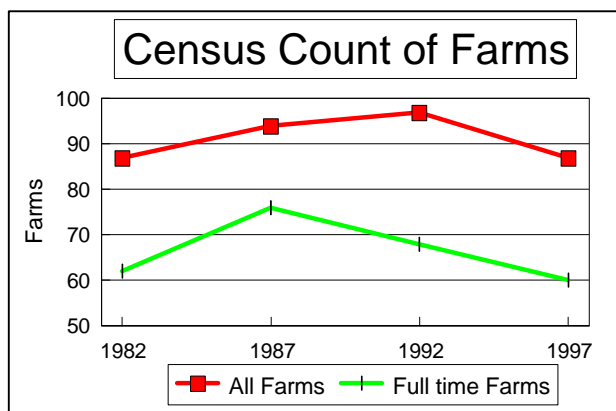
Decreased 7 percent to \$8,363,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 4 percent from \$92,789 in 1992 to \$96,126 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	8,363	93	93	2,593	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,566	91	93	2,083	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	797	91	93	2,777	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	7,217	88	93	1,158	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	14	69	1,398	2,790
Hogs and pigs	(D)	82	91	1,408	2,976
Corn for grain	(D)	91	92	1,810	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	76	92	93	2,748	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	12,615	89	93	1,405	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	84	91	1,493	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	32	49	93	2,091	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	27,902	81	93	1,199	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	89	91	1,784	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	269	62	93	2,321	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	51	88	93	2,798	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	68	88	2,481	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,289	73	93	1,687	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,010	91	93	1,862	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	71	87	1,873	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	62	86	786	1,508
Rye for grain-acres	(D)	11	51	268	1,207

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 .....	20	24	-17
\$10,000 or more .....	67	73	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,914	7,246	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	79,477	74,702	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,448	1,754	-17
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,649	18,087	-8
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	67	84	-20
Partnership or corporation .....	20	13	54
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	60	68	-12
Other .....	27	29	-7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	78	89	-12
Female .....	9	8	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	87	97	-10
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.8	51.4	3

(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.