

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



THURSTON NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 193,556 acres in 1992 to 188,969 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 501 acres in 1992 to 499 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 308 farms in 1992 to 238 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

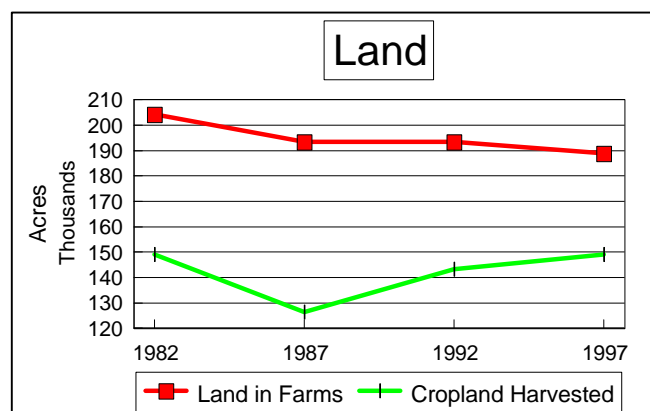
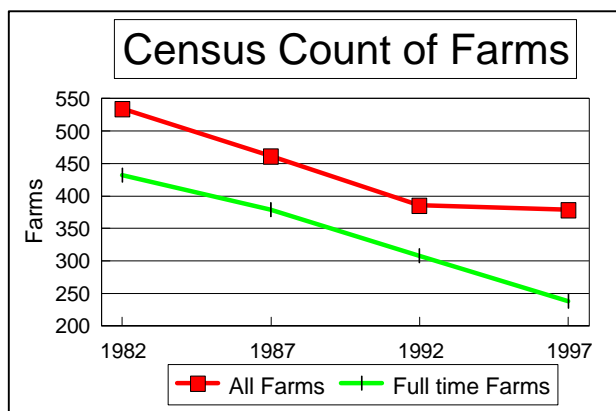
Increased 9 percent to \$59,553,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$141,109 in 1992 to \$157,132 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	59,553	64	93	994	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	30,149	55	93	931	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	29,404	62	93	901	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	21,814	60	93	356	3,063
Corn for grain	15,479	56	92	428	2,582
Soybeans	12,406	29	81	476	2,136
Hogs and pigs	6,991	40	91	433	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,780	28	93	464	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	66,587	40	91	439	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	30,895	63	93	618	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	46	987	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	680	48	89	1,057	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	38	53	1,776	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,601	72	93	971	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	34,129	37	91	419	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	15	93	933	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	876	42	90	1,049	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	230	72	93	2,472	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	71,102	52	93	350	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	58,331	27	81	454	2,144
Hay crops-acres	13,767	60	93	1,381	3,061
Oats-acres	3,943	4	89	160	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	2,397	28	92	595	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	96	58	66
\$10,000 or more	283	328	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,250	38,165	21
Average per farmdollars..	122,032	98,872	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,172	11,629	-13
Average per farmdollars..	26,838	30,127	-11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	314	336	-7
Partnership or corporation	59	47	26
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	238	308	-23
Other	141	78	81
Operators by sex:			
Male	366	378	-3
Female	13	8	63
Operators by race:			
White	371	383	-3
Black and other races	8	3	167
Average age of operator	52.3	50.9	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.