

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service



VALLEY NEBRASKA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 339,358 acres in 1992 to 332,590 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 695 acres in 1992 to 747 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 372 farms in 1992 to 340 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

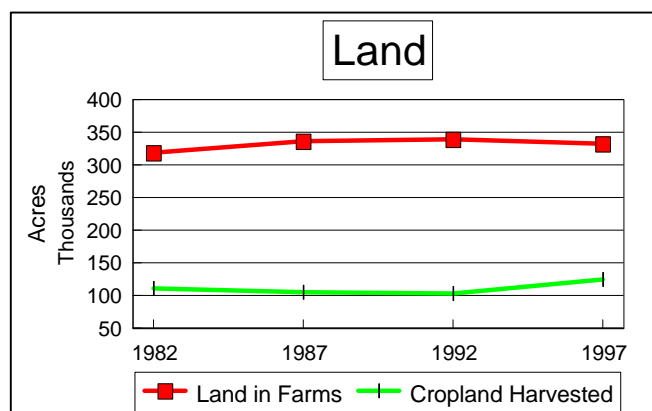
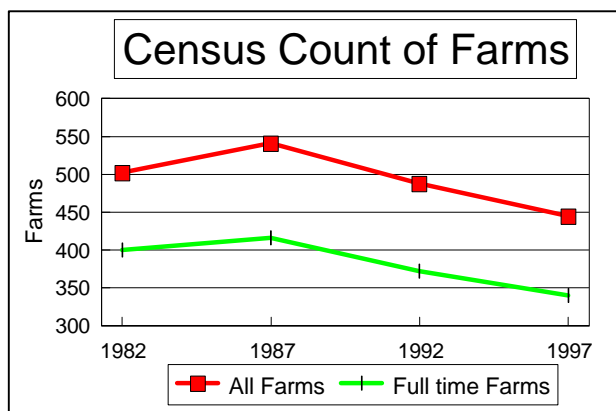
Increased 25 percent to \$90,249,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$147,650 in 1992 to \$202,807 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	90,249	47	93	599	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	63,472	36	93	363	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	26,777	60	93	1,039	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	56,537	32	93	114	3,063
Corn for grain	18,602	50	92	365	2,582
Hogs and pigs	6,459	42	91	449	2,976
Soybeans	4,637	49	81	755	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,159	12	93	217	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	77,580	34	93	152	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	53,336	44	91	502	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	814	40	89	934	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	27	56	93	2,227	3,015
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	12	4	29	249	1,580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	71,378	34	93	308	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	30,952	41	91	442	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	7	60	193	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	800	48	90	1,104	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	585	7	88	949	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	69,406	54	93	366	2,691
Hay crops-acres	34,566	24	93	546	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	19,452	47	81	797	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,975	37	92	694	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,258	57	87	1,588	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	72	126	-43
\$10,000 or more	373	362	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	77,606	59,901	30
Average per farmdollars..	174,788	122,748	42
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,617	11,777	-10
Average per farmdollars..	23,913	24,133	-1
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	362	420	-14
Partnership or corporation	79	64	23
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	340	372	-9
Other	105	116	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	418	461	-9
Female	27	27	
Operators by race:			
White	439	488	-10
Black and other races	6	-	
Average age of operator	52.0	50.4	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.