

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



FOSTER NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 366,292 acres in 1992 to 370,231 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 1,233 acres in 1992 to 1,313 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 252 farms in 1992 to 234 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

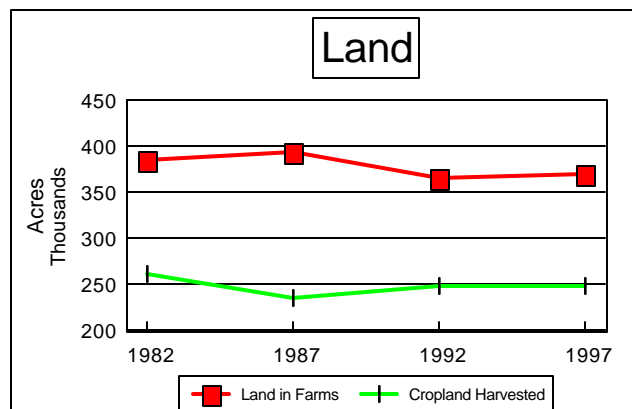
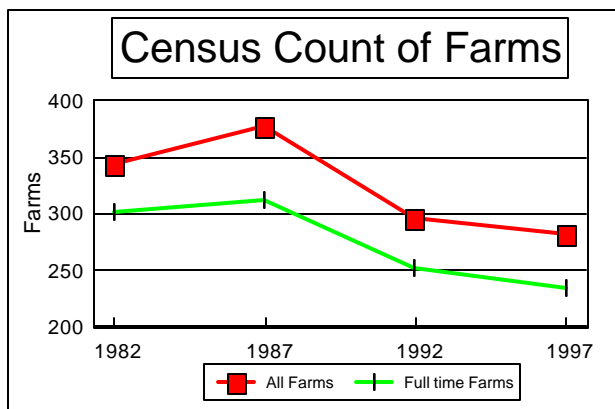
Increased 15 percent to \$35,956,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$105,578 in 1992 to \$127,502 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	35,956	35	53	1,544	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,917	33	53	1,096	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,039	25	53	1,784	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	10,387	39	53	213	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	9,569	16	53	79	1,971
Cattle and calves	9,267	23	53	962	3,063
Barley	2,490	24	53	78	1,167
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	22	48	445	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,126	32	53	1,239	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,728	22	53	1,340	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	2,653	11	53	370	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	7	39	830	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	15	31	1,738	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,832	43	53	1,811	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	10	43	109	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,750	15	53	1,107	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,618	9	53	325	2,864
Broiler inventory	(D)	5	44	707	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	126,808	39	53	137	2,612
Sunflower seed-acres	52,620	9	53	13	674
Barley-acres	26,701	27	53	60	1,411
Hay crops-acres	18,193	43	53	1,122	3,061
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	6,451	17	49	21	208

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	56	47	19
\$10,000 or more	226	250	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	31,530	26,098	21
Average per farmdollars..	111,810	87,872	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,274	7,223	-41
Average per farmdollars..	15,156	24,319	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	241	255	-5
Partnership or corporation	39	37	5
Other	2	5	-60
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	234	252	-7
Other	48	45	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	272	290	-6
Female	10	7	43
Operators by race:			
White	282	297	-5
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	50.5	48.9	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.