

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



GOLDEN VALLEY NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 505,461 acres in 1992 to 578,700 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 2,308 acres in 1992 to 2,372 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 179 farms in 1992 to 186 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

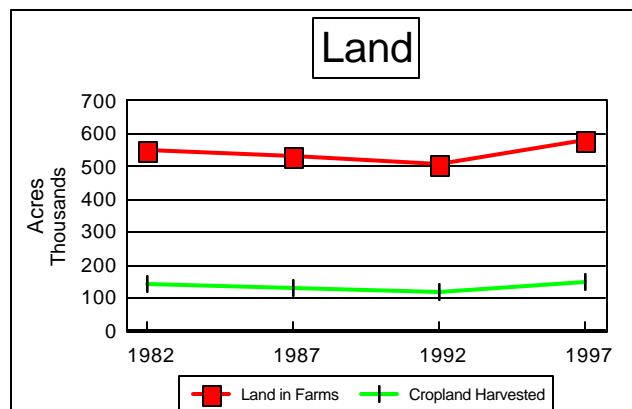
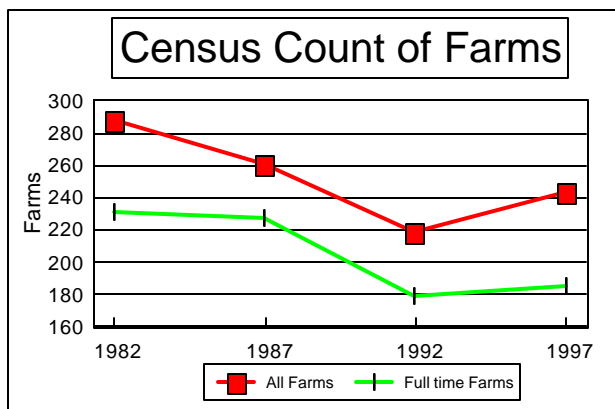
Increased 12 percent to \$18,266,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased slightly from \$74,599 in 1992 to \$74,860 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	18,266	51	53	2,176	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,322	50	53	1,731	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,943	38	53	2,046	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	7,422	47	53	278	2,578
Cattle and calves	6,943	36	53	1,193	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,293	38	53	263	1,971
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	492	41	53	1,624	3,043
Barley	449	46	53	194	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	14,938	33	53	1,249	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,253	24	53	1,388	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	2,358	12	53	406	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	30	39	1,528	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	31	40	53	2,122	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	27,532	30	53	1,217	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,559	21	53	1,240	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,559	13	53	432	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	442	29	53	1,760	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	291	26	53	2,089	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	86,383	48	53	221	2,612
Hay crops-acres	33,283	35	53	579	3,061
Barley-acres	7,786	47	53	152	1,411
Oats-acres	7,304	25	53	69	2,332
Mustard seed-acres	4,718	2	32	3	79

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	64	38	68
\$10,000 or more	180	181	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,116	11,487	32
Average per farmdollars..	61,952	52,694	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,933	4,255	-31
Average per farmdollars..	12,020	19,519	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	214	196	9
Partnership or corporation	27	22	23
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	186	179	4
Other	58	40	45
Operators by sex:			
Male	228	207	10
Female	16	12	33
Operators by race:			
White	244	219	11
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.0	53.7	1

(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.