

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



BENSON NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 777,675 acres in 1992 to 758,199 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 1,225 acres in 1992 to 1,255 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 511 farms in 1992 to 458 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

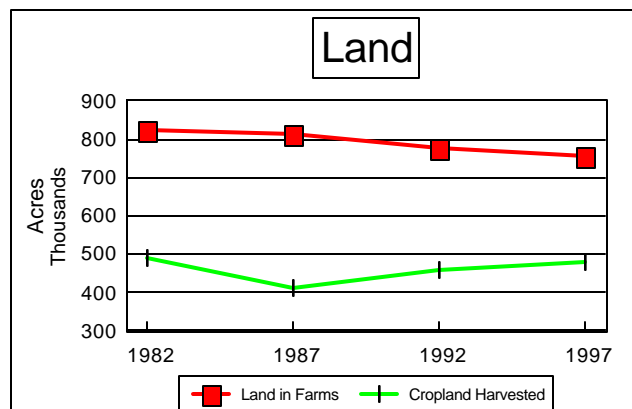
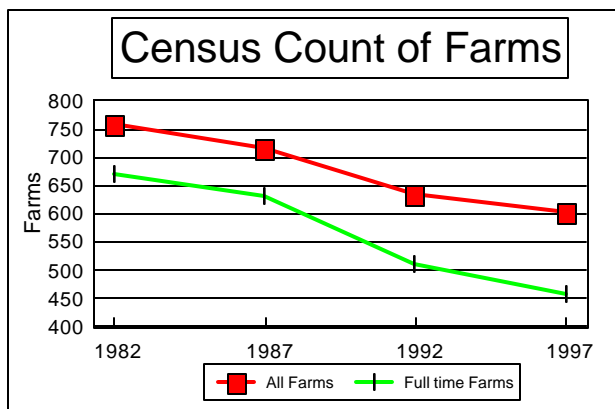
Increased 5 percent to \$49,972,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$74,860 in 1992 to \$82,735 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	49,972	22	53	1,200	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	39,217	22	53	730	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,755	28	53	1,807	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	19,287	21	53	82	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	11,940	13	53	63	1,971
Cattle and calves	8,661	26	53	1,009	3,063
Barley	6,191	11	53	34	1,167
All other livestock & products	968	2	43	48	1,649
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	18,699	23	53	1,050	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,359	35	53	1,711	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,227	26	53	704	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	152	11	53	543	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	4	13	1,037	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,522	23	53	1,045	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,559	28	53	664	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,482	5	53	380	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,062	29	53	1,580	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	32	43	782	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	237,435	18	53	38	2,612
Barley-acres	88,934	7	53	13	1,411
Sunflower seed-acres	62,752	5	53	8	674
Hay crops-acres	53,686	19	53	228	3,061
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	18,222	6	49	7	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	128	109	17
\$10,000 or more	476	526	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,331	39,872	16
Average per farmdollars..	76,706	62,790	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,933	8,269	-52
Average per farmdollars..	6,511	13,022	-50
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	531	568	-7
Partnership or corporation	68	67	1
Other	5	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	458	511	-10
Other	146	124	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	579	616	-6
Female	25	19	32
Operators by race:			
White	589	629	-6
Black and other races	15	6	150
Average age of operator	51.9	49.8	4

(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.