

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



NELSON NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 552,707 acres in 1992 to 535,053 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 1,147 acres in 1992 to 1,136 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 426 farms in 1992 to 350 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

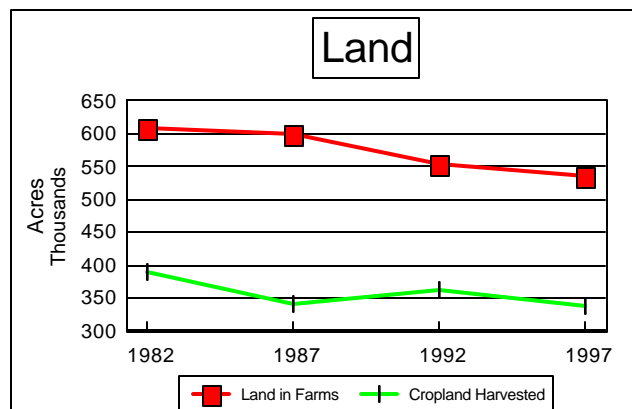
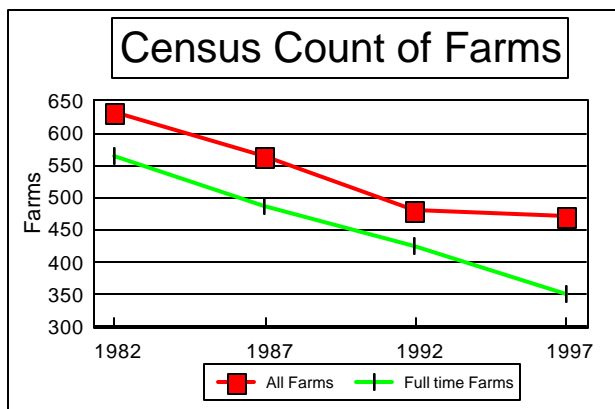
Decreased 24 percent to \$36,662,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 22 percent from \$100,149 in 1992 to \$77,838 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	36,662	32	53	1,527	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	31,016	27	53	912	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,646	42	53	2,280	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	12,101	34	53	177	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	10,605	15	53	72	1,971
Barley	6,111	12	53	36	1,167
Cattle and calves	3,748	44	53	1,690	3,063
Soybeans	865	15	45	1,218	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	82,900	7	16	281	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	8,239	45	53	1,770	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	29	53	1,574	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	908	34	53	863	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	29	39	1,494	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,537	45	53	1,945	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	8,700	4	43	50	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	942	37	53	994	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	40	53	1,850	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	320	39	53	2,142	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	161,270	31	53	98	2,612
Barley-acres	73,900	11	53	20	1,411
Sunflower seed-acres	56,673	8	53	12	674
Hay crops-acres	17,752	44	53	1,151	3,061
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	8,069	13	49	16	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	148	58	155
\$10,000 or more	323	424	-24
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,885	37,329	-1
Average per farmdollars..	78,313	77,285	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	484	12,805	-96
Average per farmdollars..	1,027	26,511	-96
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	413	420	-2
Partnership or corporation	58	61	-5
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	350	426	-18
Other	121	56	116
Operators by sex:			
Male	460	467	-1
Female	11	15	-27
Operators by race:			
White	471	482	-2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.7	50.9	6

(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.