

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



PIERCE NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 586,244 acres in 1992 to 567,042 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 1,170 acres in 1992 to 1,155 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 426 farms in 1992 to 378 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

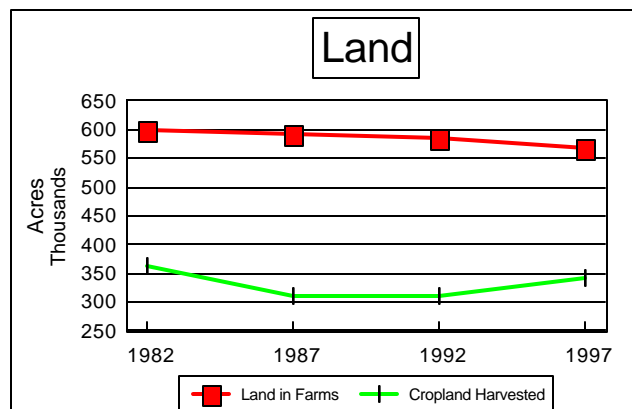
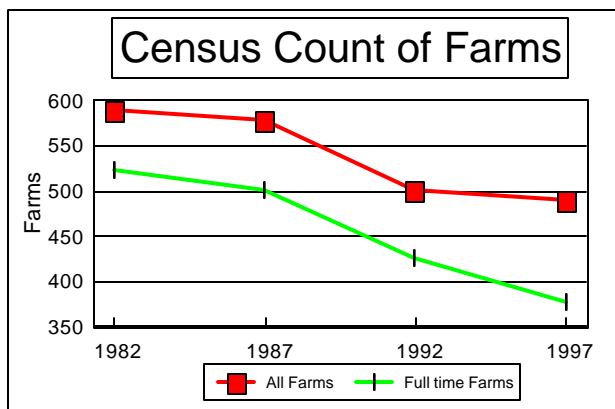
Increased 16 percent to \$36,083,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$62,258 in 1992 to \$73,489 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	36,083	33	53	1,539	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	27,211	29	53	1,027	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,872	35	53	1,956	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	14,393	28	53	135	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	6,671	23	53	114	1,971
Cattle and calves	6,400	38	53	1,265	3,063
Barley	4,841	18	53	50	1,167
Dairy products	1,657	18	51	1,150	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	5	16	227	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	14,019	35	53	1,297	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	476	50	53	1,281	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	7	18	1,245	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	20	39	1,317	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	26,130	33	53	1,272	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	659	44	53	1,229	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	300	42	53	2,211	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	295	25	53	2,076	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	245	8	49	1,444	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	174,893	29	53	80	2,612
Barley-acres	58,313	15	53	27	1,411
Hay crops-acres	48,206	24	53	295	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	34,317	14	53	22	674
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	13,114	10	49	11	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	109	81	35
\$10,000 or more	382	420	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	31,139	25,438	22
Average per farmdollars..	63,550	50,775	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,416	5,212	-15
Average per farmdollars..	9,012	10,404	-13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	437	453	-4
Partnership or corporation	46	48	-4
Other	8	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	378	426	-11
Other	113	75	51
Operators by sex:			
Male	462	490	-6
Female	29	11	164
Operators by race:			
White	490	499	-2
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	50.1	49.8	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.