

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



RAMSEY NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 639,709 acres in 1992 to 658,108 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 1,252 acres in 1992 to 1,254 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 438 farms in 1992 to 390 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

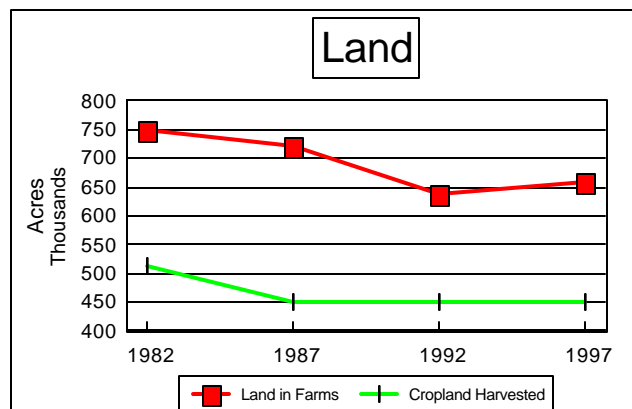
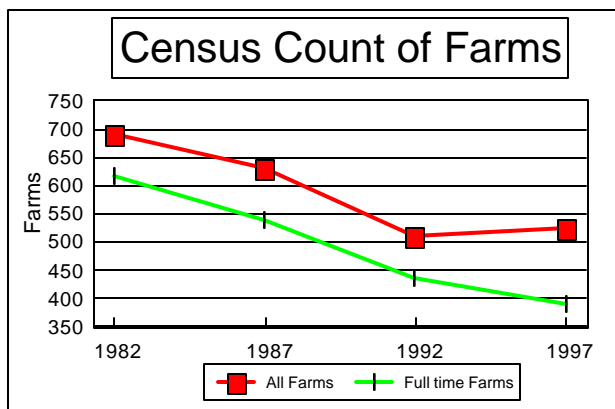
Decreased 11 percent to \$44,935,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 14 percent from \$99,295 in 1992 to \$85,590 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	44,935	27	53	1,314	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	42,196	20	53	680	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,739	50	53	2,619	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	17,083	25	53	96	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	14,369	10	53	57	1,971
Barley	9,395	4	53	16	1,167
Cattle and calves	1,827	50	53	2,220	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	28	51	1,641	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,879	49	53	2,340	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,404	33	53	1,698	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	529	46	53	1,204	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	19	39	1,293	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	64	29	53	1,380	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,124	51	53	2,468	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	824	40	53	1,083	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	739	35	53	1,723	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	563	22	53	1,438	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	220	33	43	816	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	206,973	23	53	56	2,612
Barley-acres	118,944	3	53	4	1,411
Sunflower seed-acres	60,630	7	53	11	674
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	28,600	4	49	5	208
Hay crops-acres	10,276	50	53	1,691	3,061

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	144	74	95
\$10,000 or more	381	437	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,112	36,748	23
Average per farmdollars..	85,928	71,773	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(570)	14,643	-104
Average per farmdollars..	(1,085)	28,600	-104
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	468	457	2
Partnership or corporation	57	54	6
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	390	438	-11
Other	135	73	85
Operators by sex:			
Male	512	495	3
Female	13	16	-19
Operators by race:			
White	525	511	3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.0	49.3	8

(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.