

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



## RANSOM NORTH DAKOTA

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 485,012 acres in 1992 to 515,104 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 1,075 acres in 1992 to 1,062 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 340 farms in 1992 to 352 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

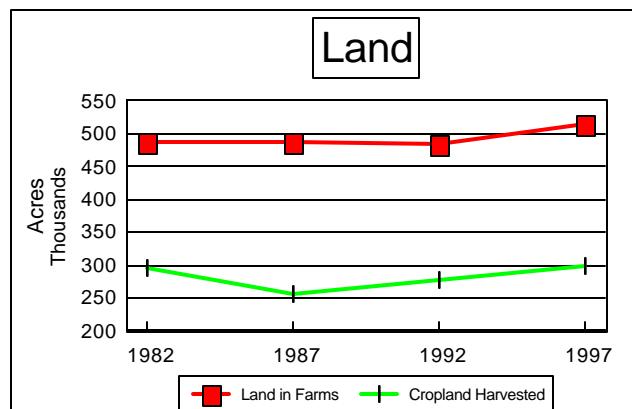
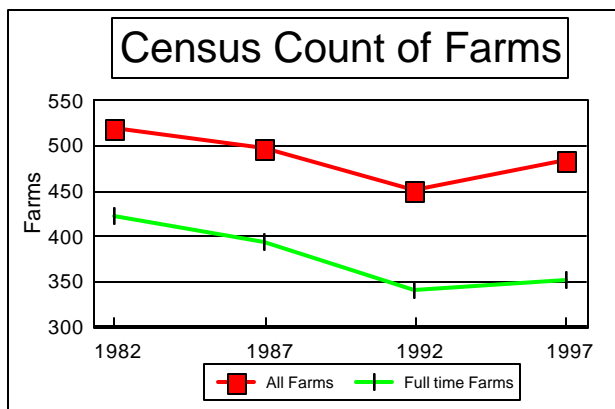
Increased 20 percent to \$61,387,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$113,739 in 1992 to \$126,570 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	61,387	16	53	959	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	47,062	16	53	592	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,325	17	53	1,553	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Wheat	11,844	35	53	184	2,578
Corn for grain	11,011	3	52	528	2,582
Cattle and calves	9,197	24	53	971	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	8,684	19	53	91	1,971
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	7,415	8	48	170	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	(D)	4	16	223	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	17,603	29	53	1,116	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	17,491	6	53	857	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	31	666	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,004	33	53	808	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	3	38	193	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	32,750	22	53	1,040	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	16,300	2	53	657	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,121	34	53	866	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	755	3	49	809	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	117,645	42	53	159	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	52,539	3	52	490	2,691
Sunflower seed-acres	32,889	16	53	24	674
Hay crops-acres	31,647	36	53	636	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	31,312	7	45	673	2,144

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	142	88	61
\$10,000 or more .....	343	363	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	53,063	40,490	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	109,408	89,778	22
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,531	11,776	-36
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,529	26,110	-41
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	414	390	6
Partnership or corporation .....	67	56	20
Other .....	4	5	-20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	352	340	4
Other .....	133	111	20
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	469	440	7
Female .....	16	11	45
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	485	451	8
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	49.9	48.1	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.