

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



SLOPE NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 785,713 acres in 1992 to 757,051 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 2,910 acres in 1992 to 2,879 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 229 farms in 1992 to 217 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

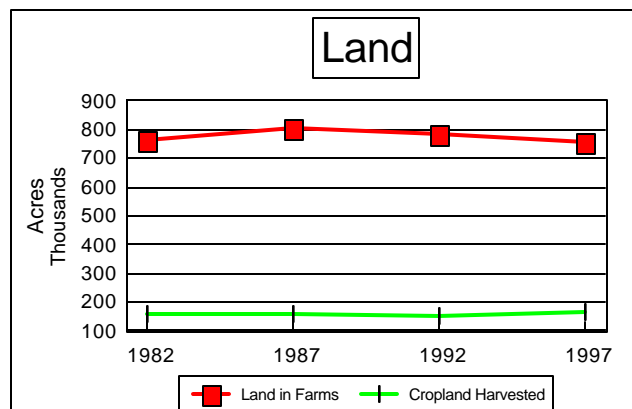
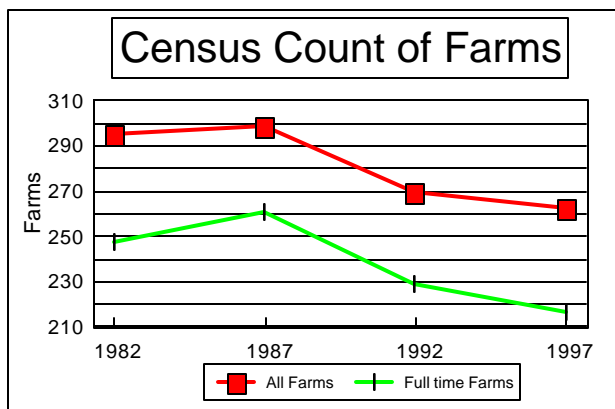
Increased 15 percent to \$21,432,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$69,216 in 1992 to \$81,490 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	21,432	49	53	2,049	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,289	47	53	1,630	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,143	34	53	1,923	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	10,796	37	53	206	2,578
Cattle and calves	8,387	27	53	1,044	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	492	49	53	413	1,971
Barley	356	50	53	215	1,167
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	48	53	2,029	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	18,015	25	53	1,090	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,379	26	53	1,494	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,646	18	53	548	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	7	30	650	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	33	39	53	2,063	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	30,632	27	53	1,106	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,327	19	53	477	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,101	28	53	1,564	3,005
All goat inventory	379	5	47	633	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	328	38	53	2,116	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	115,834	44	53	162	2,612
Hay crops-acres	35,417	32	53	524	3,061
Barley-acres	7,382	48	53	158	1,411
Oats-acres	3,667	38	53	182	2,332
Sunflower seed-acres	2,127	43	53	131	674

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	48	49	-2
\$10,000 or more	215	221	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,297	14,650	11
Average per farmdollars..	61,966	54,060	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,658	4,238	-14
Average per farmdollars..	13,907	15,638	-11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	236	232	2
Partnership or corporation	20	30	-33
Other	7	8	-13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	217	229	-5
Other	46	41	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	241	253	-5
Female	22	17	29
Operators by race:			
White	263	269	-2
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	51.5	51.3	0

(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.