

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



STARK NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 841,736 acres in 1992 to 805,909 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 1,068 acres in 1992 to 1,005 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 573 farms in 1992 to 545 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

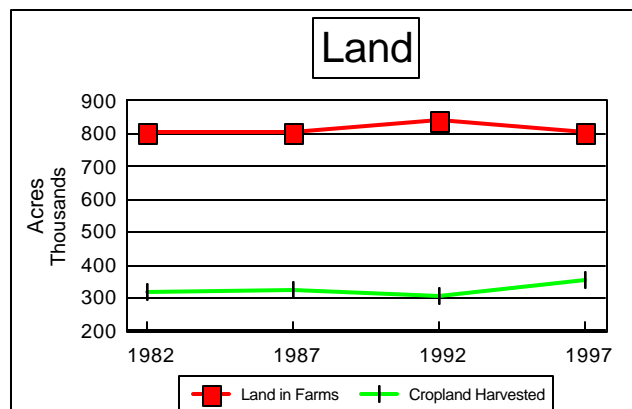
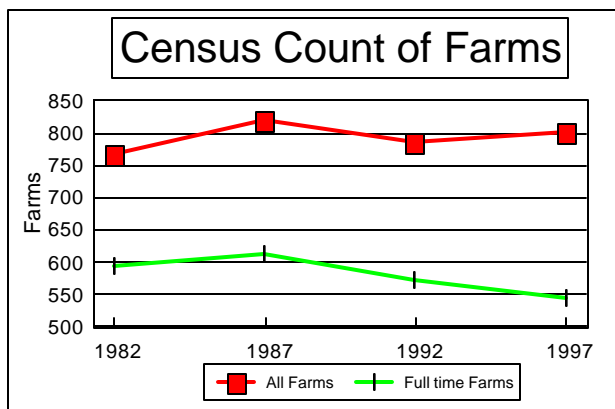
Increased 9 percent to \$45,785,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$53,441 in 1992 to \$57,088 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	45,785	26	53	1,292	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,005	6	53	1,076	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	21,780	35	53	1,196	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	18,016	5	53	469	3,063
Wheat	17,683	22	53	90	2,578
Dairy products	4,196	4	51	703	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,252	9	53	720	3,043
Barley	987	33	53	135	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	37,793	6	53	459	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,051	15	53	1,117	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	31	555	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,286	25	53	684	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	143	14	53	599	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	60,427	9	53	446	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	8,738	3	43	49	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,865	12	53	1,026	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,457	30	53	706	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,102	11	53	645	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	213,912	22	53	48	2,612
Hay crops-acres	101,915	7	53	39	3,061
Barley-acres	19,644	28	53	75	1,411
Oats-acres	19,018	4	53	7	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	6,154	8	52	237	2,473

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	254	196	30
\$10,000 or more	548	592	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,535	33,875	14
Average per farmdollars..	48,049	43,043	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,714	7,285	-8
Average per farmdollars..	8,372	9,257	-10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	712	702	1
Partnership or corporation	81	78	4
Other	9	8	13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	545	573	-5
Other	257	215	20
Operators by sex:			
Male	754	754	
Female	48	34	41
Operators by race:			
White	802	787	2
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	51.1	50.4	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.