

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



STEELE NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 439,846 acres in 1992 to 412,763 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 1,313 acres in 1992 to 1,423 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 301 farms in 1992 to 245 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

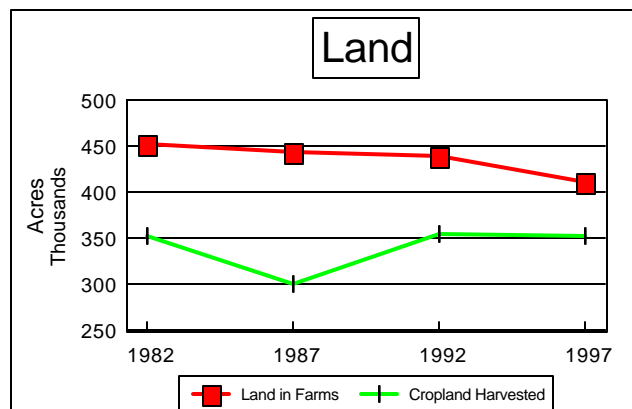
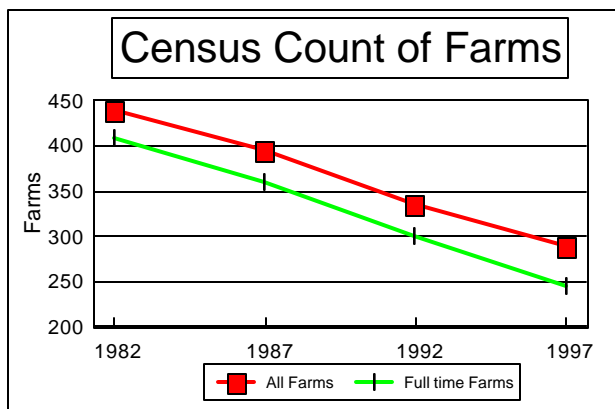
Decreased 6 percent to \$46,718,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$148,194 in 1992 to \$161,097 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	46,718	24	53	1,263	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,793	17	53	622	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,926	52	53	2,738	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	14,379	9	53	56	1,971
Wheat	14,282	29	53	139	2,578
Soybeans	7,036	6	45	652	2,136
Barley	5,269	16	53	44	1,167
Corn for grain	(D)	9	52	1,028	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,519	51	53	2,391	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,175	29	53	732	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	18	1,153	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	60	53	53	2,690	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	9	53	53	2,763	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,344	49	53	2,376	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,395	16	53	460	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	29	43	487	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	281	43	53	2,269	3,066
Broiler inventory	250	17	44	1,216	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	166,810	30	53	90	2,612
Barley-acres	57,976	16	53	29	1,411
Soybeans for beans-acres	41,494	6	45	580	2,144
Sunflower seed-acres	22,931	21	53	34	674
Corn for grain-acres	12,290	9	52	999	2,691

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	41	20	105
\$10,000 or more	249	315	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	41,125	36,440	13
Average per farmdollars..	141,810	108,777	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,770	11,054	-48
Average per farmdollars..	19,897	32,996	-40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	246	293	-16
Partnership or corporation	42	42	
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	245	301	-19
Other	45	34	32
Operators by sex:			
Male	281	335	-16
Female	9	-	
Operators by race:			
White	288	334	-14
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	47.9	46.9	2

(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.