

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



TOWNER NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 591,185 acres in 1992 to 570,058 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 1,280 acres in 1992 to 1,332 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 398 farms in 1992 to 341 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

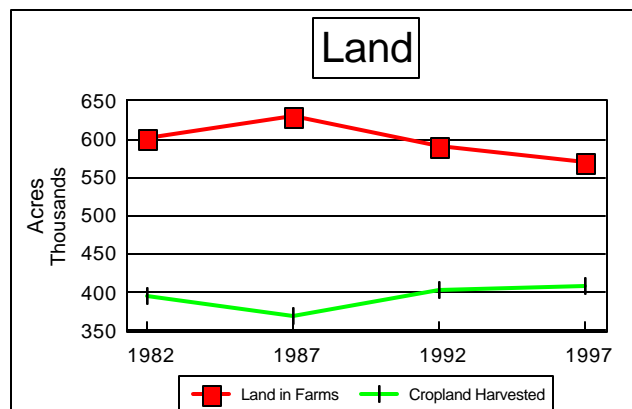
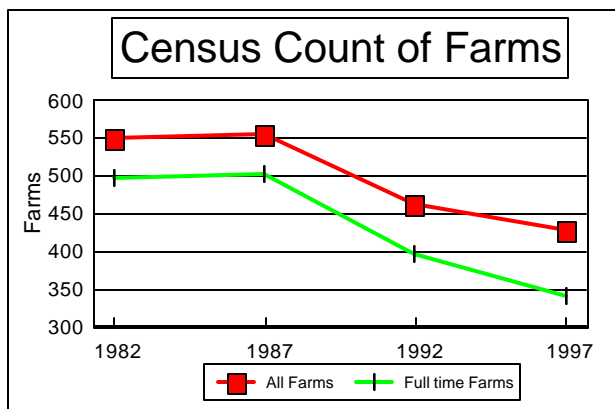
Decreased 6 percent to \$42,394,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$97,528 in 1992 to \$99,052 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	42,394	29	53	1,377	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	39,460	21	53	725	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,935	49	53	2,596	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	20,558	19	53	70	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	8,469	20	53	93	1,971
Barley	7,558	7	53	23	1,167
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,261	16	48	341	2,237
Cattle and calves	1,465	52	53	2,350	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	6	16	266	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	3,429	52	53	2,408	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	535	45	53	1,198	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	31	1,135	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	134	50	53	2,504	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,865	50	53	2,417	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	463	27	53	1,699	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	454	51	53	1,460	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	34	43	848	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	110	49	53	2,461	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	238,262	16	53	36	2,612
Barley-acres	94,112	5	53	10	1,411
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	32,850	3	49	4	208
Sunflower seed-acres	17,885	26	53	42	674
Hay crops-acres	10,317	49	53	1,683	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	102	46	122
\$10,000 or more	326	416	-22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	40,076	31,015	29
Average per farmdollars..	93,635	67,277	39
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,799	12,790	-86
Average per farmdollars..	4,203	27,743	-85
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	367	408	-10
Partnership or corporation	56	53	6
Other	5	1	400
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	341	398	-14
Other	87	64	36
Operators by sex:			
Male	409	448	-9
Female	19	14	36
Operators by race:			
White	428	461	-7
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	49.2	47.0	5

(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.