

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



WALSH NORTH DAKOTA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 737,273 acres in 1992 to 717,525 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 945 acres in 1992 to 950 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 625 farms in 1992 to 591 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

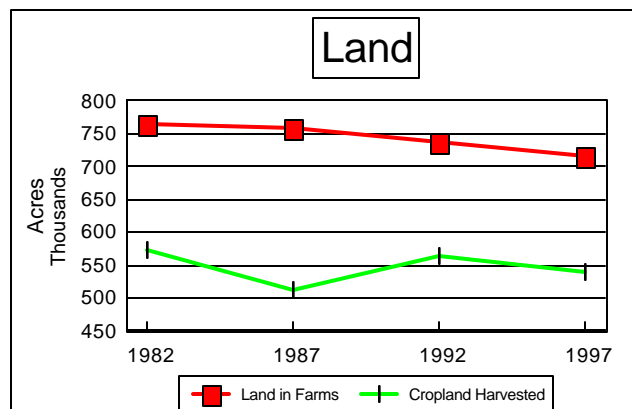
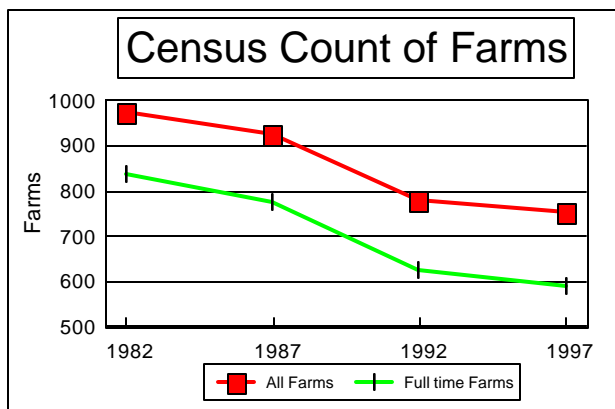
Decreased 11 percent to \$122,394,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 8 percent from \$176,708 in 1992 to \$162,111 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	122,394	5	53	358	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	117,465	5	53	99	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,929	44	53	2,366	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	60,317	2	48	16	2,237
Wheat	29,288	12	53	32	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	18,770	5	53	39	1,971
Barley	5,198	17	53	45	1,167
Cattle and calves	3,277	46	53	1,795	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	9,481	13	53	1,031	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,071	46	53	1,886	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	792	37	53	956	2,765
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	1	164	191
Horses and ponies sold	90	20	53	1,023	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,327	46	53	1,960	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,540	22	53	1,242	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,605	27	53	652	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	347	35	53	2,047	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	330	7	49	1,244	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	273,117	11	53	25	2,612
Barley-acres	57,254	17	53	30	1,411
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	42,011	2	9	7	199
Potatoes-acres	39,682	1	38	5	1,733
Sunflower seed-acres	27,237	18	53	28	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	208	110	89
\$10,000 or more	547	670	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	110,844	114,848	-3
Average per farmdollars..	146,813	147,242	-0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,469	23,069	-50
Average per farmdollars..	15,191	29,575	-49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	608	603	1
Partnership or corporation	144	175	-18
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	591	625	-5
Other	164	155	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	728	768	-5
Female	27	12	125
Operators by race:			
White	755	780	-3
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.0	48.3	6

(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.