

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 750,913 acres in 1992 to 744,442 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 1,177 acres in 1992 to 1,255 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 557 farms in 1992 to 462 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

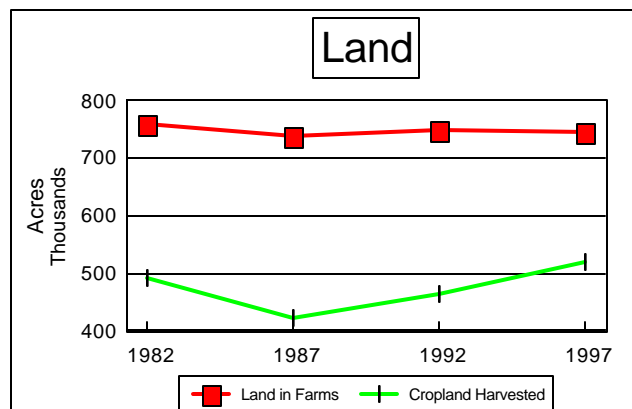
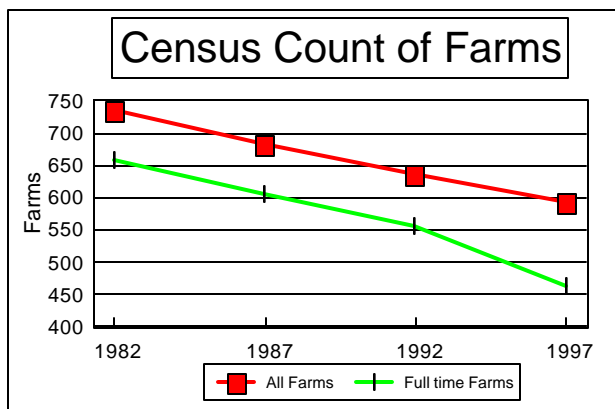
Increased 13 percent to \$61,586,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$85,577 in 1992 to \$103,856 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	61,586	15	53	955	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	51,612	14	53	528	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,975	31	53	1,860	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	22,202	16	53	59	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	20,218	3	53	36	1,971
Cattle and calves	8,237	28	53	1,054	3,063
Barley	7,424	9	53	25	1,167
Dairy products	799	25	51	1,520	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	17,588	30	53	1,117	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,619	19	53	559	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	342	46	53	2,219	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	18	39	1,218	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	106	18	53	862	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	30,579	28	53	1,110	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	14	43	146	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,666	26	53	634	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	546	23	53	1,485	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	440	42	53	1,924	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	263,465	14	53	31	2,612
Barley-acres	79,076	9	53	16	1,411
Sunflower seed-acres	73,979	4	53	5	674
Hay crops-acres	40,660	29	53	418	3,061
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	15,495	8	49	9	208

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	150	107	40
\$10,000 or more	443	531	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	54,649	42,061	30
Average per farmdollars..	92,157	65,823	40
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,736	13,193	-49
Average per farmdollars..	11,359	20,647	-45
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	504	556	-9
Partnership or corporation	85	79	8
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	462	557	-17
Other	131	81	62
Operators by sex:			
Male	564	622	-9
Female	29	16	81
Operators by race:			
White	593	638	-7
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	50.5	50.0	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.