

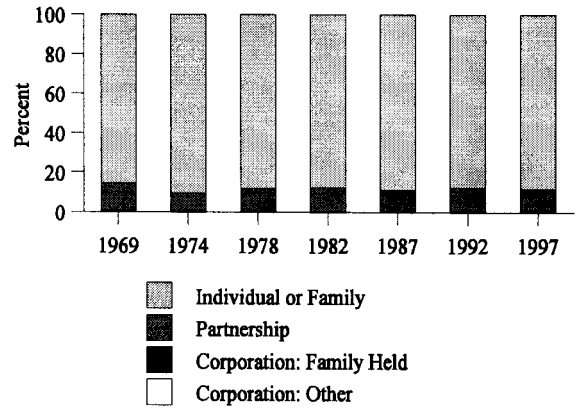
Type of Farm Organization in North Dakota: 1997

While the number of farms in North Dakota has continued to decline over the past several years, the proportion of farm operators who maintain an individual/family farm versus a partnership or corporation has remained relatively unchanged.

Corporate farms have shown sizable increases over the past couple of decades, however they continue to represent a small proportion of total farms in North Dakota.

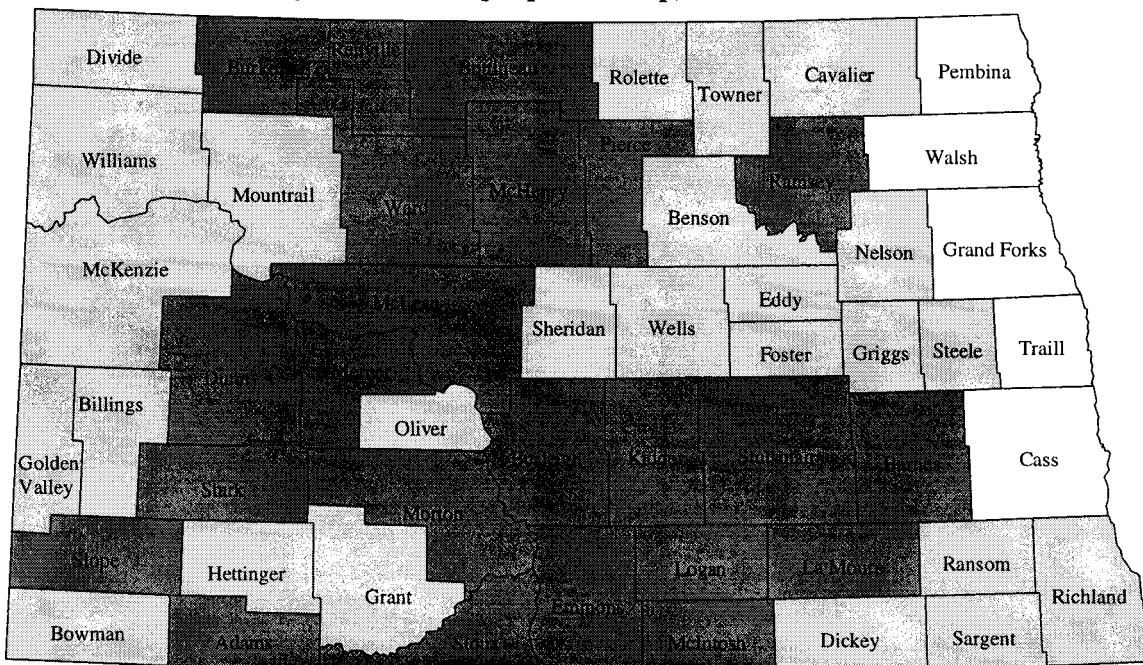
The term 'operator' designates a persons who operates a farm, doing either the work or making day-to-day decisions about such things as planting, harvesting, feeding, and marketing. For partnerships, only one partner is counted as the operator. For census purposes, the number of operators is the same as the number of farms.

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Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture, June 1999.

Individual or Family Farms (sole proprietorship) in North Dakota: 1997



Family Farms as a Percent of Total Farms

