



NORTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE

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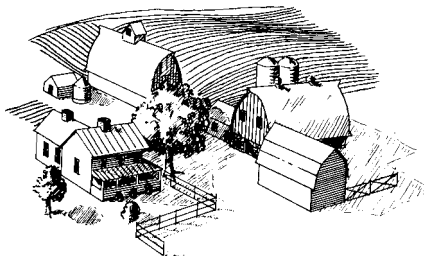
North Dakota's recorded history began when the first European explorers, the French in 1738, reached the area, but Native Americans had lived here for hundreds of years. The French established no permanent settlements. The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 acquired much of present day North Dakota from France. The remainder was ceded from Great Britain when the present international border with Canada was established.

Dakota Territory was created in 1861. The area was opened to homesteading in 1863, but settlement was slow until completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad provided dependable transportation. North Dakota's population was registered at 2,405 in 1870, increasing to 190,983 in 1890.

North Dakota's main attractions for settlers were the fertile Red River Valley in the east and the vast grasslands of the west. Huge "Bonanza" farms were established in the Valley, and large ranching operations, including one owned by Theodore Roosevelt, were created in the west.

North Dakota became a state in 1889; the population reached 577,056 in 1910. Demand for land caused the decline of Bonanza farming and large-scale ranching as land was divided among more farmers. New technology spurred changes and diversification in agriculture, including production of row crops in addition to small grains.

Non-agricultural industry has also been an important part of North Dakota's economy. The petroleum industry and electric power generation have been major sources of revenue and employment.



Agriculture remains an important part of the state's economy. North Dakota lead the nation in the 2003 production of barley, durum wheat, spring wheat, all dry edible beans, pinto beans, navy beans, sunflower, canola, flaxseed, oats, dry edible peas; ranks second in all wheat, lentils and honey; ranks third in sugarbeets and rye; ranks fourth in potatoes and tenth in soybeans.

Features

Latitude (Approx.)	North border 49° N, South border 45° -57' N
Longitude (Approx.)	West border 104° W, East border 97° -14' W
Total Area, 2000 (Sq. Mi.)	70,700
Water Area, 2000 (Sq. Mi.)	1,724
Land Area, 2000 (Sq. Mi.)	68,976
(Acres)	44,144,595
Land in Farms, 2002 (Acres)	39,294,879
Rank in Size	7
Number of Counties	53
North to South	212 Miles
Extreme East to West	360 Miles
Average East to West	335 Miles
Elevation: Lowest Point - Red River, Pembina Co.	750 Feet
Highest Point - White Butte, Slope Co.	3,506 Feet
McKenzie, Largest County (Sq. Mi.)	2,735
Eddy, Smallest County (Sq. Mi.)	635



State Motto

***"Liberty and union now and forever,
one and inseparable."***

Historic Dates

Lewis & Clark Expedition	1804 - 1805
First Settlement at Pembina	1812
Established as "Dakota Territory" with South Dakota	March 2, 1861
First Railroad to Fargo	June 8, 1872
Constitution Approved	October 1, 1889
Admitted to the Union (39 th State)	November 2, 1889
Oil Discovered at Tioga	April 5, 1951
Garrison Dam First Produced Electric Power	1956

State Population

Classification	1990	2000	2003
Total Population	638,800	642,200	633,837
Caucasian ^{1/}	604,142	593,181	586,361
Native American ^{1/}	25,917	31,329	31,140
Rank of State	47	47	48
Percent Rural	47	44	NA
Number per Square Mile	9.3	9.3	9.2

^{1/} 2000 data represents counts for persons reporting only one race.
NA=Not available.

Farm Data

2002 Census of Agriculture, North Dakota

County	Number of Farms		Land in Farms				Land Area		Value of Land and Buildings ^{2/}			
			Total Acres		Average Size		Acres	Percent in Farms ^{1/}	Average per Farm		Average per Acre	
	2002	1997	2002	1997	2002	1997	2002	2002	2002	1997	2002	1997
--- Number ---		--- 1,000 Acres ---		--- Acres ---		-1,000-	- Pct. -	--- \$1,000- ---		- Dollars per Acre -		
Adams	394	381	605	625	1,535	1,614	632	96	407	422	250	237
Barnes	838	815	857	882	1,023	1,082	955	90	477	510	448	485
Benson	567	634	733	762	1,293	1,203	884	83	441	405	355	327
Billings	238	251	811	793	3,407	3,159	737	110	846	753	250	247
Bottineau	879	859	948	976	1,079	1,136	1,068	89	438	450	409	421
Bowman	360	371	759	699	2,109	1,883	744	102	533	405	249	226
Burke	455	506	600	622	1,319	1,228	706	85	405	373	295	326
Burleigh	946	937	866	893	915	953	1,045	83	313	320	339	342
Cass	961	1,008	1,127	1,141	1,173	1,132	1,130	100	1,026	925	876	825
Cavalier	607	702	819	882	1,349	1,256	953	86	714	626	542	503
Dickey	533	554	599	588	1,125	1,062	724	83	538	471	502	458
Divide	532	566	761	749	1,430	1,323	806	94	391	393	285	317
Dunn	582	634	1,106	1,316	1,900	2,076	1,286	86	482	501	252	239
Eddy	325	310	349	353	1,073	1,140	403	87	336	448	315	364
Emmons	699	777	838	816	1,199	1,051	966	87	341	292	280	276
Foster	309	297	383	373	1,239	1,258	407	94	460	570	399	467
Golden Valley	231	258	580	581	2,513	2,250	641	91	592	532	246	225
Grand Forks	863	847	756	793	876	936	920	82	705	725	793	753
Grant	548	615	1,057	948	1,928	1,542	1,062	100	587	384	309	253
Griggs	423	381	379	395	896	1,038	453	84	339	420	354	378
Hettinger	489	461	681	714	1,392	1,549	725	94	481	495	336	330
Kidder	584	531	794	712	1,360	1,340	865	92	401	317	281	233
LaMoure	621	646	677	679	1,090	1,051	734	92	617	439	558	427
Logan	445	415	578	526	1,298	1,268	635	91	323	340	245	256
McHenry	901	953	1,126	1,063	1,250	1,115	1,199	94	369	368	329	339
McIntosh	526	531	569	508	1,081	957	624	91	274	308	287	330
McKenzie	632	705	1,193	1,160	1,888	1,645	1,755	68	604	450	304	269
McLean	918	1,043	1,095	1,168	1,193	1,120	1,350	81	511	434	427	364
Mercer	456	497	536	545	1,176	1,097	669	80	295	321	268	290
Morton	855	954	1,276	1,216	1,493	1,275	1,233	104	416	442	303	306
Mountrail	682	807	1,068	1,019	1,566	1,263	1,167	92	500	389	306	317
Nelson	598	506	532	541	889	1,070	628	85	315	463	345	473
Oliver	307	341	404	392	1,315	1,150	463	87	348	272	242	243
Pembina	524	653	614	640	1,171	980	716	86	983	954	765	1,003
Pierce	487	513	531	567	1,090	1,106	651	82	355	419	346	362
Ramsey	554	562	636	667	1,148	1,187	758	84	445	474	368	393
Ransom	528	527	501	523	948	992	552	91	465	542	520	503
Renville	353	409	527	524	1,493	1,282	560	94	735	587	536	495
Richland	813	962	891	863	1,096	897	919	97	1,033	810	945	902
Rolette	523	547	508	504	971	921	578	88	318	303	329	348
Sargent	469	485	505	499	1,077	1,030	550	92	574	552	543	552
Sheridan	393	392	469	492	1,193	1,255	622	75	343	451	281	372
Sioux	179	196	702	696	3,925	3,549	700	100	818	801	201	220
Slope	259	274	763	752	2,944	2,743	779	98	743	537	244	201
Stark	774	853	777	807	1,004	946	856	91	330	312	324	358
Steele	318	305	401	424	1,261	1,391	456	88	735	652	577	501
Stutsman	988	1,040	1,215	1,266	1,230	1,217	1,422	86	487	456	407	387
Towner	418	451	549	581	1,313	1,288	656	84	463	511	359	371
Traill	427	504	530	515	1,240	1,022	552	96	1,008	808	842	810
Walsh	905	805	759	726	839	902	820	93	594	695	719	781
Ward	966	1,262	1,109	1,244	1,148	986	1,288	86	499	536	419	538
Wells	579	624	668	748	1,154	1,199	814	82	414	490	375	425
Williams	858	891	1,181	1,208	1,376	1,355	1,325	89	456	409	323	316
STATE	30,619	32,348	39,295	39,678	1,283	1,227	44,145	89	517	496	404	406

1/ May be greater than 100 because some farm operators have land in more than one county. In those cases, all land in farms is attributed to the county where most of the land is owned. 2/ Relates to spring following year.

Farm Data

Rank of State, 2003

Item	Total Production	State Rank	Percent of Nation
	<i>1,000 Bu</i>		<i>Pct</i>
Crops			
Wheat, Durum	58,410	1	60
Spring	252,800	1	48
Winter	5,880	28	*
All	317,090	2	14
Barley	118,800	1	43
Oats	21,240	1	15
Rye	750	3	9
Flaxseed	9,900	1	95
Corn for Grain	131,040	14	1
Soybeans	88,450	10	4
Dry Edible Beans, Cwt	7,800	1	35
Potatoes, Cwt	27,440	4	6
Canola, Lbs	1,353,600	1	90
Sunflower, Lbs	1,518,850	1	57
Sugarbeets, Tons	5,202	3	17
Dry Edible Peas, Cwt	2,744	1	53
Lentils, Cwt	632	2	26
Total Cropland, Acres ^{1/}	26,506	4	6
Livestock Inventory	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
All Cattle & Calves, Jan 1, 2004	1,750	17	2
All Hogs, Dec 1, 2003	150	27	*
All Sheep & Lambs, Jan 1, 2004	97	17	2
Turkeys Raised (2004)	1,100	16	*
Honey, Lbs	29,580	2	16

* Less than one percent. 1/ U.S. Census of Agriculture, 2002.

Cash Receipts

Item	1993	Percent of Total	2003	Percent of Total
	<i>1,000 Dol</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Dol</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Crops	2,349,334	66.9	2,907,322	65.6
Wheat	1,463,202	41.7	947,652	21.4
Rye	1,668	*	732	*
Barley	174,885	5.0	238,158	5.4
Corn	49,809	1.4	228,419	5.2
Hay	69,189	2.0	64,899	1.5
Oats	21,473	0.6	10,132	0.2
Soybeans	76,089	2.2	514,048	11.6
Sunflower	126,130	3.6	192,783	4.4
Canola	NA	NA	143,332	3.2
Flaxseed	10,469	0.3	59,508	1.3
Dry Edible Beans	80,055	2.3	132,812	3.0
Potatoes	100,956	2.9	117,272	2.6
Sugarbeets	127,903	3.6	196,759	4.4
All Other Crops	47,506	1.3	60,816	1.4
Livestock Inventory	597,951	17.0	870,197	19.7
Cattle & Calves	399,438	11.4	690,249	15.6
Hogs & Pigs	43,952	1.2	30,252	0.7
Sheep & Lambs	9,816	0.3	7,387	0.2
Dairy Products	107,400	3.1	66,246	1.5
Turkeys	6,843	0.2	10,023	0.2
Honey	10,296	0.3	40,229	0.9
Wool	598	*	390	*
All Other Livestock	19,608	0.5	25,421	0.6
Total Crops & Livestock	2,947,285	83.9	3,777,519	85.3
Gov't Payments	564,531	16.1	651,968	14.7
Grand Total	3,511,816	100.0	4,429,487	100.0

* Less than one percent. NA = Not Available.

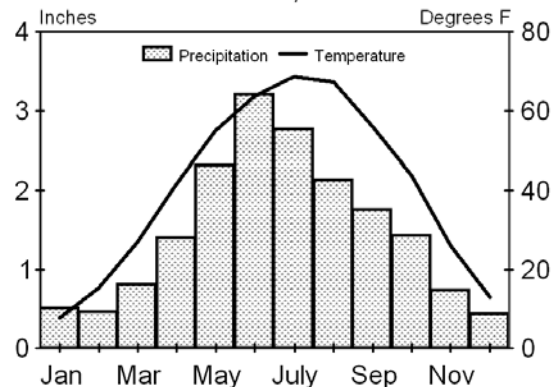
Farms

Item	1987	1992	1997	2002
Number	35,289	31,123	32,348	30,619
Average Size (Acres)	1,143	1,267	1,227	1,283
Land in Farms				
Acres (1,000)	40,337	39,438	39,678	39,295
Value per Acre (\$)	319	335	406	404

Farm Balance Sheet

Item	1992	1997	2002
	<i>--- Million Dollars ---</i>		
Total Farm Assets	19,414	22,115	24,810
Real Estate	12,743	14,775	16,906
Other	6,671	7,340	7,904
Total Farm Debt	3,129	3,800	4,292
Real Estate	1,455	1,569	1,849
Non-Real Estate	1,674	2,231	2,443
Debt/Asset Ratio	16.1	17.2	17.3
Final Agricultural Sector Output	3,380	3,205	3,668
less: Purchased Inputs	1,335	1,763	2,033
plus: Net Gov't Transactions	267	180	204
less: Capital Consumption	474	483	483
less: Payments to Stakeholders	766	837	831
Net Farm Income (Total)	1,072	303	525
	<i>--- Dollars ---</i>		
Net Farm Income Per Farm	32,488	9,630	17,199

Precipitation & Temperature Averages North Dakota, 1971-2000



Transportation

Road System (December 31, 2003)	Miles
State Highways (Includes 571 miles of Interstate)	7,382
County System	19,079
Other Rural Roads	56,473
City Streets	3,848
Trails	19,827
Total All Roads & Streets	106,609
Railroads (December 31, 2002)	
Burlington Northern	1,983
Red River Valley and Western	456
CP/SOO	473
Dakota, Missouri Valley and Western	431
Northern Plains	364
Total	3,707

Other Data

County Population

County	County Seat & Population		County Population	
	City	2003	2000	2003
Adams	Hettinger	1,272	2,593	2,505
Barnes	Valley City	6,420	11,775	11,083
Benson	Minnewaukan	308	6,964	6,881
Billings	Medora	96	888	850
Bottineau	Bottineau	2,223	7,149	6,820
Bowman	Bowman	1,509	3,242	3,045
Burke	Bowbells	378	2,242	2,098
Burleigh	Bismarck	56,344	69,416	71,693
Cass	Fargo	91,484	123,138	127,138
Cavalier	Langdon	1,934	4,831	4,484
Dickey	Ellendale	1,500	5,757	5,492
Divide	Crosby	1,067	2,283	2,247
Dunn	Manning	NA	3,600	3,539
Eddy	New Rockford	1,370	2,757	2,598
Emmons	Linton	1,209	4,331	4,005
Foster	Carrington	2,106	3,759	3,495
Golden Valley	Beach	1,054	1,924	1,828
Grand Forks	Grand Forks	48,618	66,109	64,736
Grant	Carson	293	2,841	2,665
Griggs	Cooperstown	985	2,754	2,578
Hettinger	Mott	757	2,715	2,548
Kidder	Steele	720	2,753	2,577
LaMoure	LaMoure	924	4,701	4,512
Logan	Napoleon	794	2,308	2,157
McHenry	Towner	541	5,987	5,722
McIntosh	Ashley	822	3,390	3,178
McKenzie	Watford City	1,376	5,737	5,615
McLean	Washburn	1,328	9,311	8,935
Mercer	Stanton	333	8,644	8,449
Morton	Mandan	16,781	25,303	25,135
Mountrail	Stanley	1,236	6,631	6,480
Nelson	Lakota	761	3,715	3,454
Oliver	Center	624	2,065	1,905
Pembina	Cavalier	1,479	8,585	8,201
Pierce	Rugby	2,808	4,675	4,480
Ramsey	Devils Lake	6,971	12,066	11,616
Ransom	Lisbon	2,259	5,890	5,838
Renville	Mohall	771	2,610	2,473
Richland	Wahpeton	8,443	17,998	17,598
Rolette	Rolla	1,423	13,674	13,732
Sargent	Forman	487	4,366	4,225
Sheridan	McClusky	369	1,710	1,540
Sioux	Fort Yates	229	4,044	4,070
Slope	Amidon	25	767	746
Stark	Dickinson	15,683	22,636	22,131
Steele	Finley	470	2,258	2,081
Stutsman	Jamestown	15,158	21,908	21,255
Towner	Cando	1,235	2,876	2,667
Trail	Hillsboro	1,523	8,477	8,278
Walsh	Grafton	4,299	12,389	11,720
Ward	Minot	35,424	58,795	56,721
Wells	Fessenden	568	5,102	4,702
Williams	Williston	12,224	19,761	19,316

NA = Not Available

Natural Resources, 2003

Economically Recoverable Lignite Deposits (Bil. Tons)	25
Lignite Mined (Mil. Tons)	30
Lignite Mines Permitted (Number)	4
Oil Produced (Mil. Barrels)	29
Gas Produced (Bil. Cubic Feet)	57.9
Wells Capable of Producing Oil or Gas	3,243

Wildlife Permits Issued & Fishing Waters, 2004

Number of Deer	148,028
White-tailed Deer	141,653
Mule Deer	6,375
Number of Pronghorn	2,510
Number of Moose	134
Number of Bighorn Sheep	4
Number of Elk	219
Waters Under Fishery Management	
Fishing Waters (Number)	318
Water Area (Acres)	470,000

Parks & Recreational Areas, 2004

Name	County	Acres
International		
Peace Gardens	Rolette	2,300
National		
Theodore Roosevelt	Billings/McKenzie	70,447
Knife River Indian Village	Mercer	1,758
Fort Union Trading Post	Williams	444
State Parks		
Little Missouri	Dunn	4,592
Lake Metigoshe	Bottineau	1,551
Devils Lake		
Graham's Island	Ramsey/Benson	1,122
Black Tiger Bay	Ramsey/Benson	23
Shelvers Grove	Ramsey/Benson	20
Lake Sakakawea	Mercer	1,071
Fort Abraham Lincoln	Morton	1,006
Icelandic	Pembina	912
Fort Ransom	Ransom	890
Turtle River	Grand Forks	784
Cross Ranch	Oliver	589
Fort Stevenson	McLean	549
Lewis & Clark	Williams	490
Beaver Lake	Logan	266
Sully Creek	Billings	80
State Forests		
Turtle Mountain	Bottineau	7,814
Homen	Bottineau/Rolette	4,184
Sheyenne	Ransom	509
Tetrault	Pembina	432
Mouse River	McHenry	259

Schools, 2003

Type	Public	Non-Public	Other ^{1/}	Total
Elementary/Secondary (K-12)	149	13	4	166
Secondary (9-12)	30	2		32
Middle Level/Junior High	23			23
Elementary One-Teacher	11	7		18
Elementary (K-8)	182	37	5	224
Special Education	31		1	32
Vocational Education	7			7
Total	433	59	10	502

State Schools of Higher Learning

Bismarck State College	Bismarck
Dickinson State University	Dickinson
Lake Region State College	Devils Lake
Mayville State University	Mayville
Minot State University	Minot
Minot State University - Bottineau Campus	Bottineau
North Dakota State College of Science	Wahpeton
North Dakota State University	Fargo
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks
Valley City State University	Valley City
Williston State College	Williston

^{1/} Includes BIA and State Institutions.

Indian Reservations

Standing Rock	Fort Yates
Fort Totten	Fort Totten
Turtle Mountain	Belcourt
Fort Berthold	New Town
Sisseton-Wahpeton	Sisseton

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