

**APPENDIX VII
AGRICULTURAL CENSUS SUMMARIES FOR NORTHEAST OHIO**

**Chart 37
2007 Agricultural Census Statistics for Northeast Ohio**

2007	Farms #	Farms Acres	Avg Farm Size
Ashland	1058.00	150534.00	142.00
Astabula	1127.00	161698.00	143.00
Carroll	774.00	116853.00	151.00
Columbiana	1056.00	130952.00	124.00
Cuyahoga	127.00	2910.00	23.00
Geauga	888.00	56558.00	64.00
Lake	259.00	16065.00	62.00
Lorain	873.00	124100.00	142.00
Mahoning	578.00	64082.00	111.00
Medina	951.00	95493.00	100.00
Portage	862.00	82759.00	96.00
Richland	1009.00	146580.00	145.00
Stark	1300.00	138061.00	106.00
Summit	334.00	15166.00	45.00
Trumbull	970.00	125136.00	129.00
Wayne	1788.00	248409.00	139.00
TOTALS	13954.00	1675356.00	107.63

Chart 38
1997 Agricultural Census Statistics for Northeast Ohio

1997	Farms #	Farms Acres	Avg Farm Size
Ashland	929	163948	176
Astabula	993	149319	150
Carroll	683	113338	166
Columbiana	980	138197	141
Cuyahoga	118	4268	36
Geauga	661	59238	90
Lake	274	19053	70
Lorain	778	130631	168
Mahoning	542	73415	135
Medina	851	104060	122
Portage	719	87453	122
Richland	908	155516	171
Stark	1086	136737	126
Summit	251	17235	69
Trumbull	788	112477	143
Wayne	1601	240905	150
TOTALS	12162	1705790	127.1875

Chart 39
1987 Agricultural Census Statistics for Northeast Ohio

1987	Farms #	Farms Acres	Avg Farm Size
Ashland	1078	179361	166
Astabula	1188	182022	153
Carroll	703	117130	167
Columbiana	1093	155205	142
Cuyahoga	150	5563	37
Geauga	702	72766	104
Lake	268	18335	68
Lorain	985	143639	146
Mahoning	668	81001	121
Medina	1012	115890	115
Portage	820	102483	125
Richland	1022	168992	165
Stark	1306	153302	117
Summit	297	19808	67

Trumbull	951	122492	129
Wayne	1734	263457	152
TOTALS	13977	1,901,446	123.375

Chart 40
Cumulative State Data for Ohio Agricultural Census 1987-2007

STATE DATA:	1987	1997	2007
# Farms	79,277	68,591	75,861
Farmland Acreage	14,997,331	14,103,085	13,956,563
Avg Farm Size	189	206	184

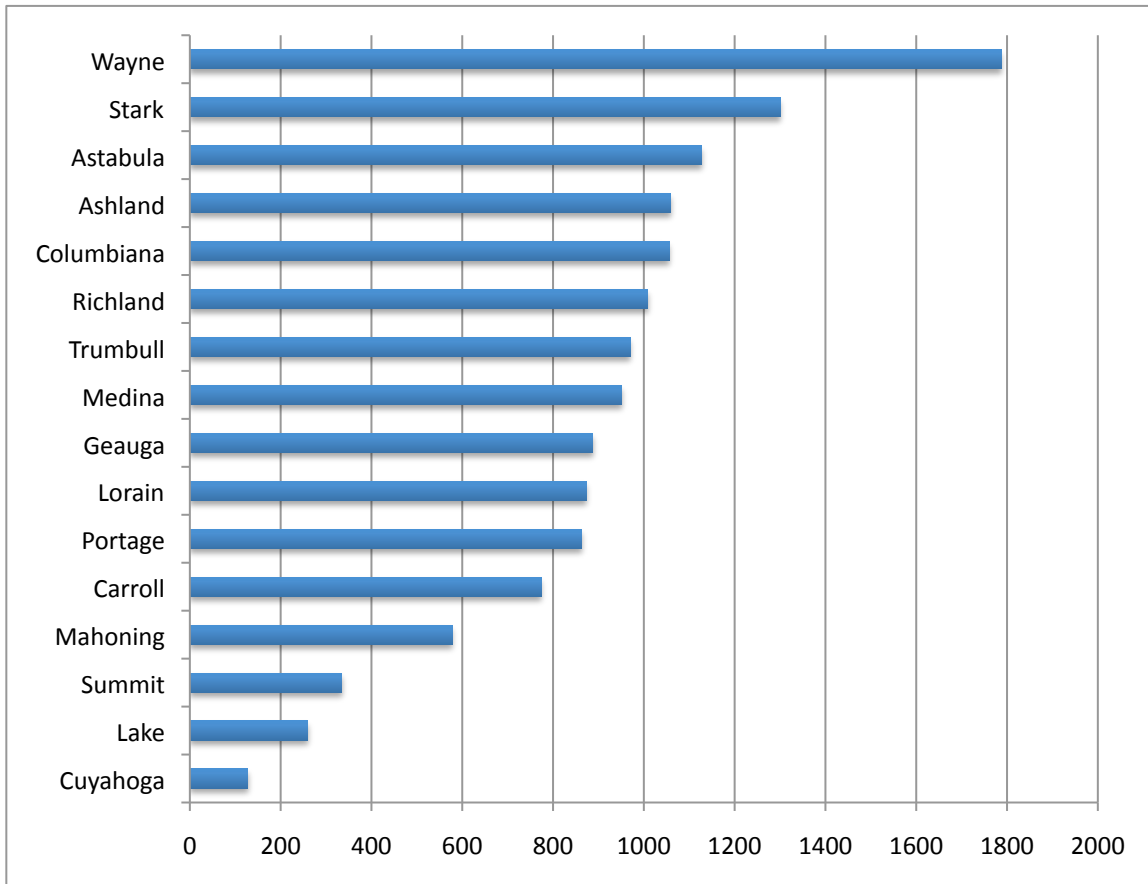
Chart 41
Cumulative Northeast Ohio Data for Ohio Agricultural Census 1987-2007

NEO SUMMARY	1987	1997	2007
# Farms	13,977	12,162	13,954
Farmland Acre	1,901,446	1,705,790	1,675,356
Avg Farm Size	123	127	108

Chart 42
Comparative State and Regional Census Figures 1987-2007

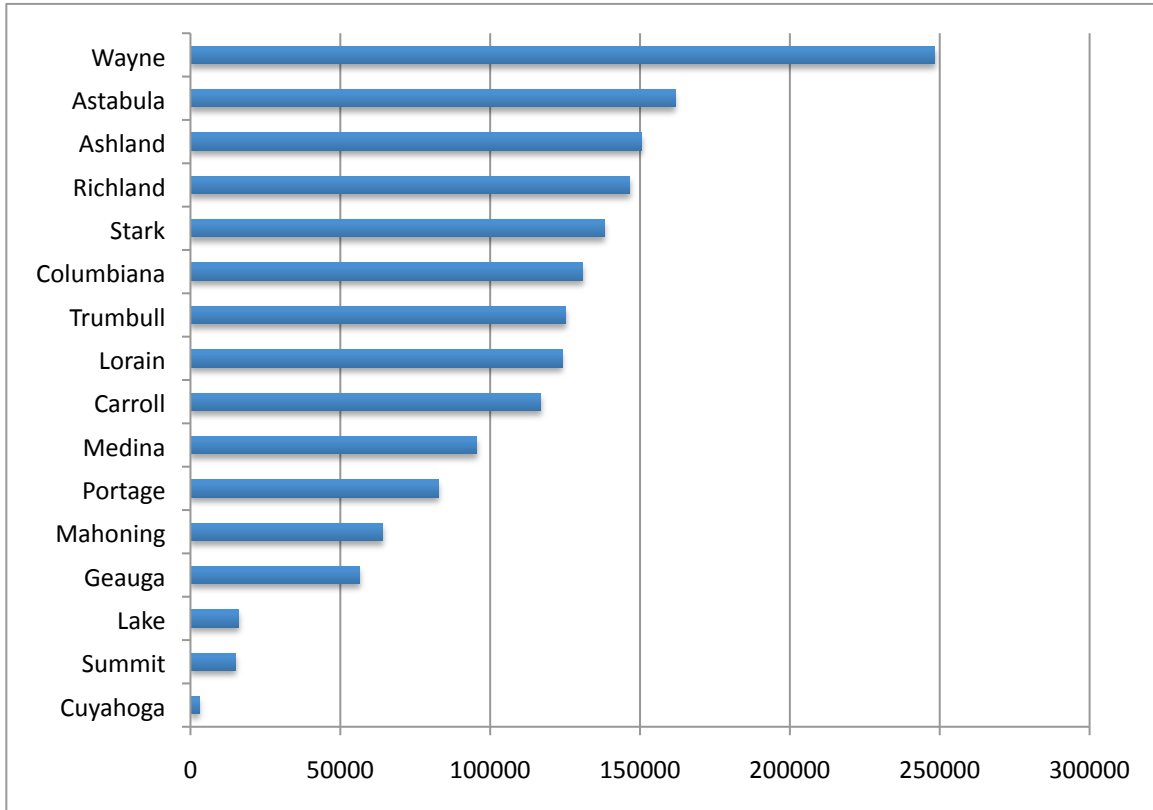
NEO AND STATE COMPARISON	1987	1997	2007
NEO # Farms	13,977	12,162	13,954
State # Farms	79,277	68,591	75,861
NEO Farmland Acres	1,901,446	1,705,790	1,675,356
State Farmland Acres	14,997,331	14,103,085	13,956,563
NEO Avg Farm Size	123	127	108
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Chart 43
Number of Farms in 2007



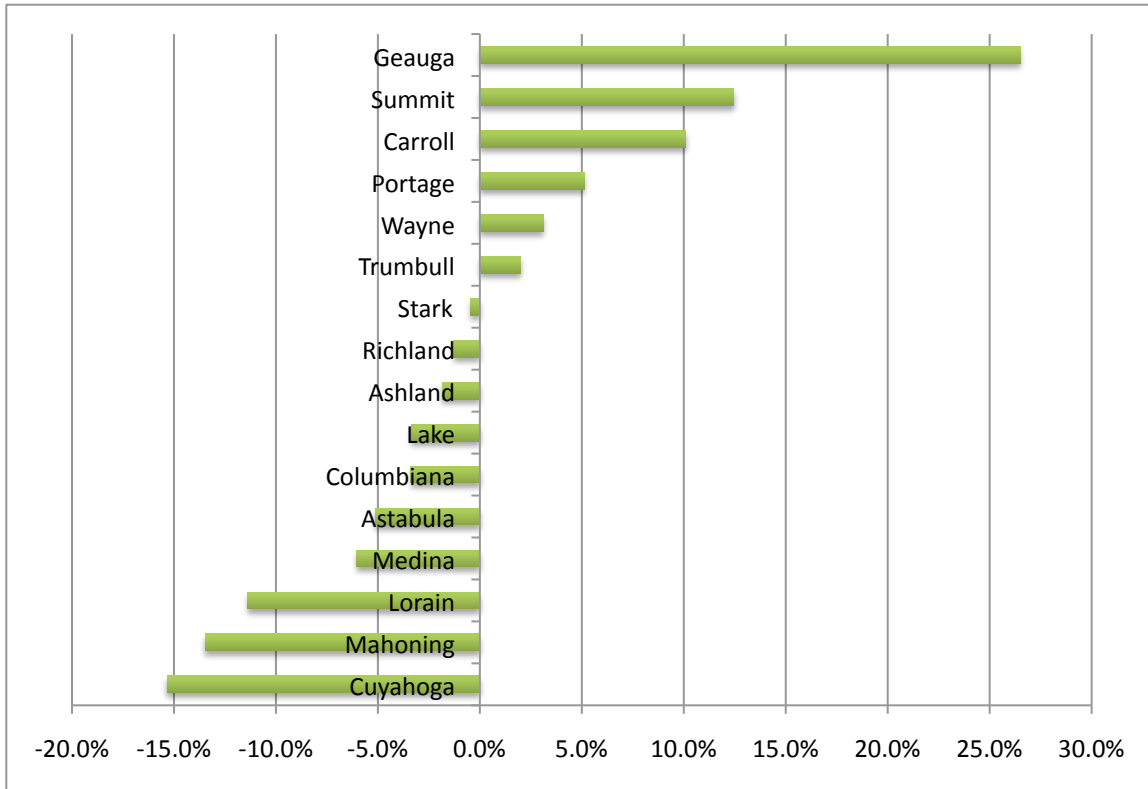
This chart demonstrates that in NEO the greatest number of farm operations are in Wayne, Stark, Ashtabula, Ashland, and Columbiana counties with fewer farm operations in more urbanized counties of Mahoning, Summit, and Cuyahoga. This does not, however, reflect recent growth of urban gardens or farms, many of which are not counted in the agricultural census.

Chart 44
Acreage of Farmland in 2007



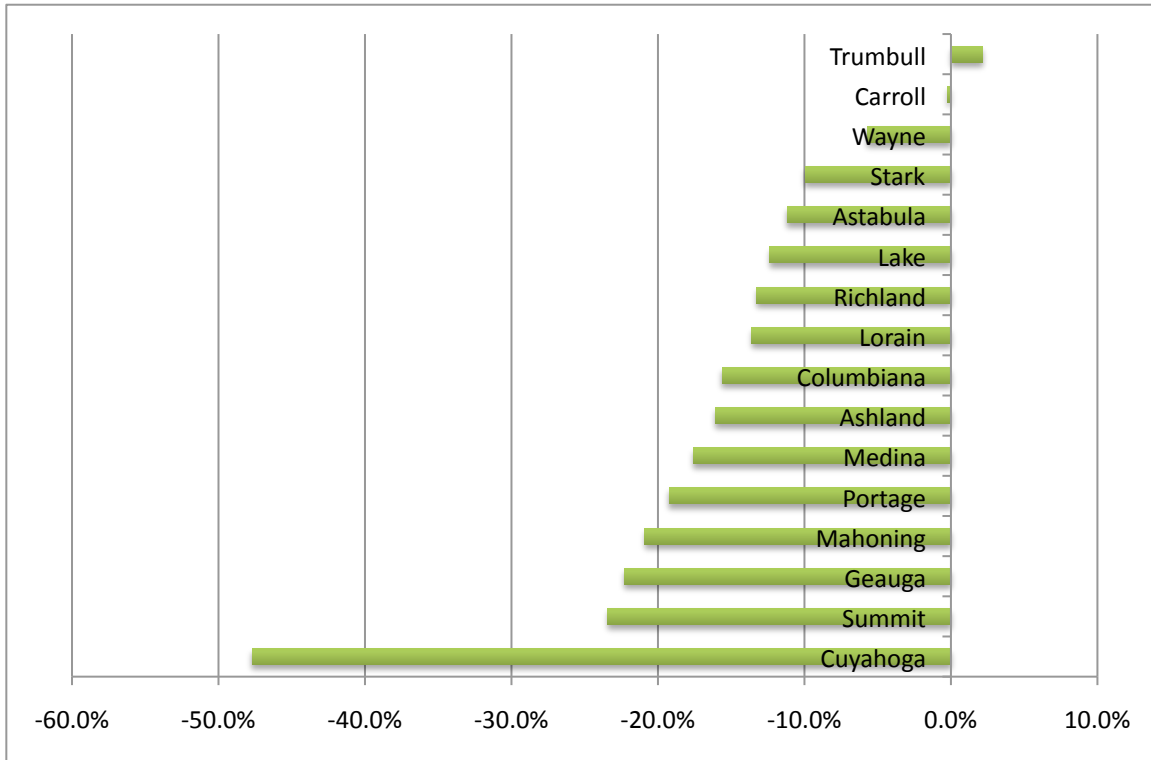
This chart shows that within NEO the greatest acreages devoted to farmland are in Wayne, Ashtabula, Ashland, Richland, and Stark counties. Areas with larger scale commodity production will show greater acreage devoted to farming as well.

Chart 45
Change in Number of Farms 1987 to 2007



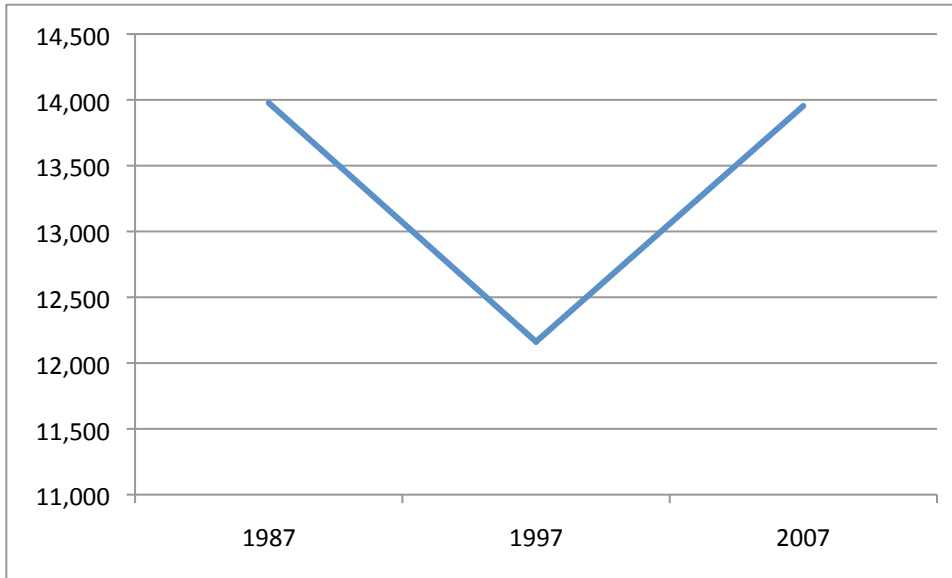
This chart shows significant growth in the number of farm operations for Geauga, Summit, and Carroll counties with less significant growth in Portage, Wayne, and Trumbull counties. Counties experiencing the greatest loss of farms tend to be urban-influenced. In the case of some counties, such as Medina, Lorain, Mahoning, and Cuyahoga Counties, this loss in farms can be attributed partially to growing pressure from outmigration from urban cores and suburban sprawl.

Chart 46
Change in Farmland Acreage 1987 to 2007



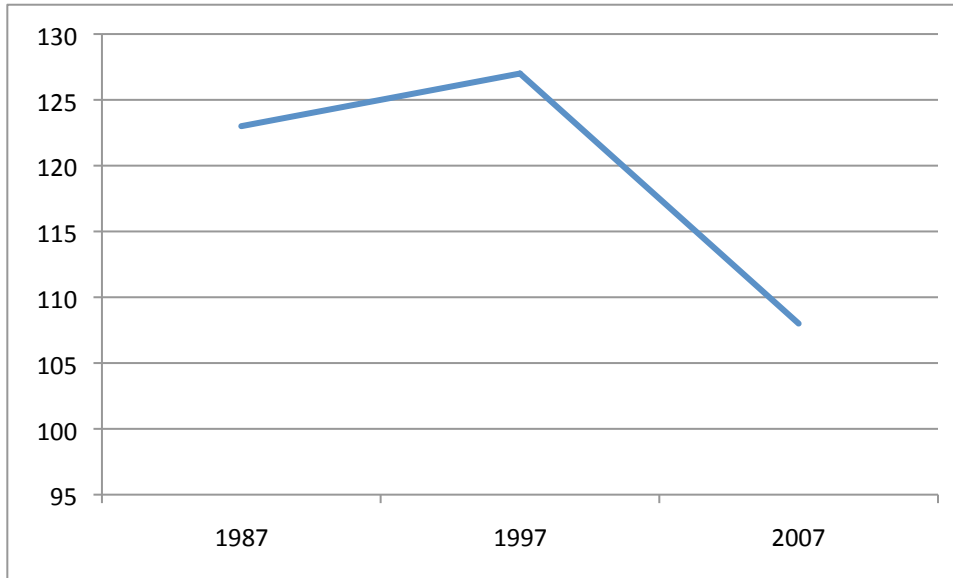
This chart shows an overall decline in farmland acreage for all but Trumbull County. Urban influenced counties such as Summit and Cuyahoga Counties experienced the greatest loss of farmland acreage in the past 20 years, again attributable to urban sprawl and rising land values at the edge of urban centers. This chart also shows a growing trend of intensification of production. While the farmland acreage declined in counties such as Wayne, Ashtabula, and Stark counties, the number of farm operations increased during the same period of time. This can reflect, in part, growth in specialty crops, nurseries and landscaping, and smaller acreage operations in some urban-influenced areas.

Chart 47
Number of Farms in NEO Region



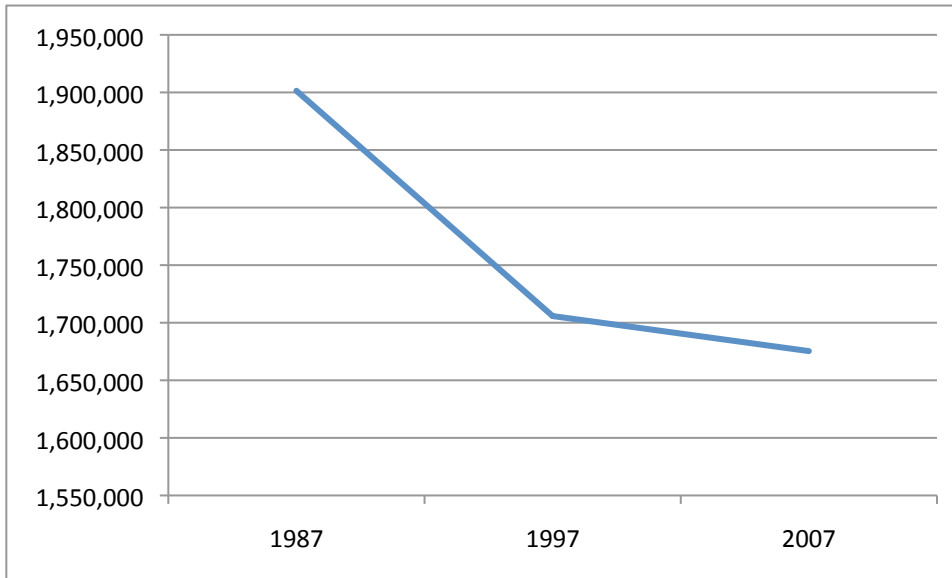
The number of farms in NEO dropped significantly from 1987 to 1997 and then rose again to 1987 levels in 2007. This reflects addition of nurseries and landscaping companies as agricultural enterprises along with some growth in specialty markets and more intensive systems of agriculture that utilize smaller amounts of acreage.

Chart 48
Average Size of Farms in NEO Region



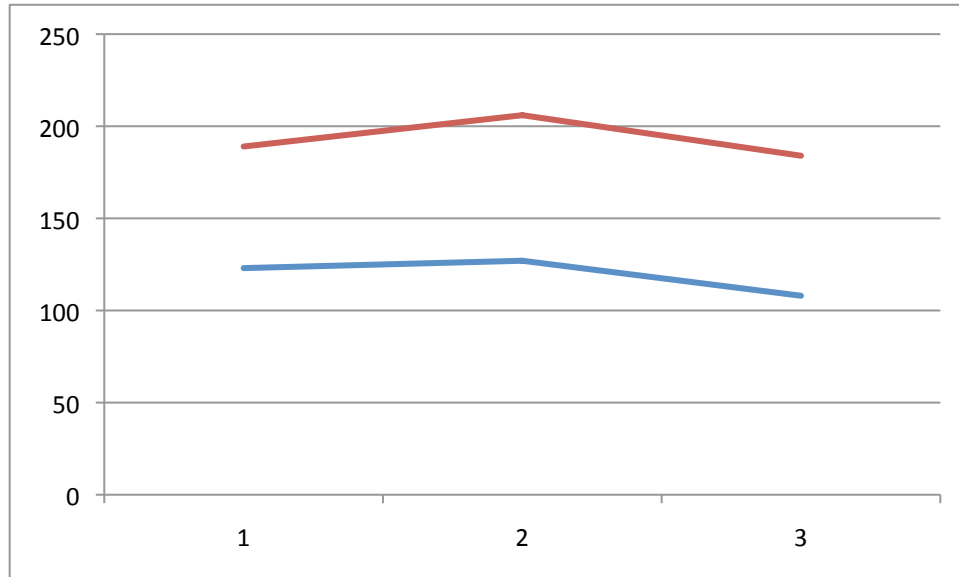
Brief rise in average size of NEO farms in acreage from 1987 to 1997, followed by a significant drop from 1997 to 2007. This likely reflects growth in specialty crops as well as growth in farms and nurseries specializing in landscape crops to supply growing suburban landscapes.

Chart 49
Land Devoted to Farming in NEO Region



This chart shows an overall downward trend in Northeast Ohio of land devoted to farming, with a reduction in the rate of agricultural land loss from 1997 to 2007.

Chart 50
FARMLAND ACREAGE AVERAGE (NEO vs. State)



This chart compares the average farm size in Northeast Ohio versus the State of Ohio. Both the state and Northeast Ohio reflect the same general trends of slight growth in average acreage from 1987 to 1997 followed by drop in average acreage from 1997 to 2007. The lower average acreage of farms in Northeast Ohio reflects the greater diversity of farm operations in Northeast Ohio, which has a stronger mix of large-scale commodity production and smaller-scale specialty crop and meat and dairy production.