

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE

The Ingalls lived in several states. Four of those that claim them include,

Kansas. The Ingalls lived in Independence for one year when Laura was three years old in 1869

Wisconsin. When the Ingalls left Kansas in 1870, they returned to Pepin, Wisconsin.

Minnesota. From WI. the Ingalls moved to Walnut Grove, MN. Laura was 8 at the time and they lived there until she was 14 yrs. old. The Little House stories come from this time period. (1874-1880)

South Dakota. When Laura was 14, the Ingalls moved to DeSmit, SD where Mr. Ingalls homesteaded

In 1890 it required 40 to 50 labor hours to produce 100 bushels of wheat. It sold for about 0.40 a bushel.

(Today it takes about 2 hours to produce 100 bushels of wheat and it sells for around \$5.46 to \$6.50)

In 1890 the population of the US was 62, 941, 714. Of those people, 29, 414,000 lived on the farm. Farmers were 45% of the total labor force. The average acreage per farm was 136 acres.

Today the population of the US is 313, 000,000 and only about 3,000,000 are farmers, or 1%. There are 2.2 million farms in the US with an average acreage of 441 acres.

In 1890 agriculture products accounted for 76% of the total exports for the US. Today that total is 10%.