

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Howard, Nebraska

### Number of farms

600 farms in 2002, 680 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Land in farms

293,537 acres in 2002, 333,756 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

489 acres in 2002, 491 acres in 1997, down slightly.

### Market Value of Production

\$98,776,000 in 2002, \$117,376,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$29,927,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$68,849,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

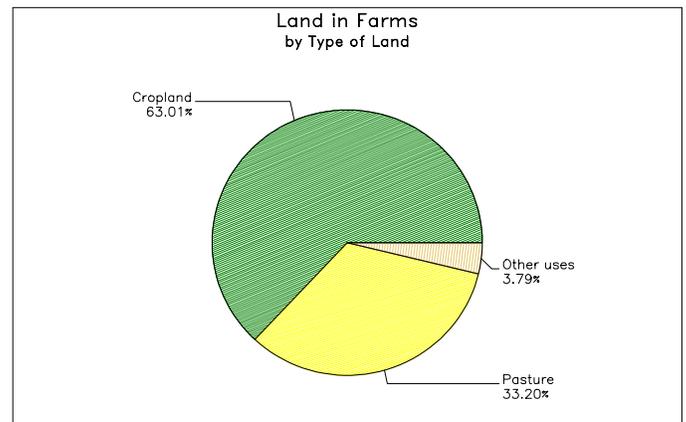
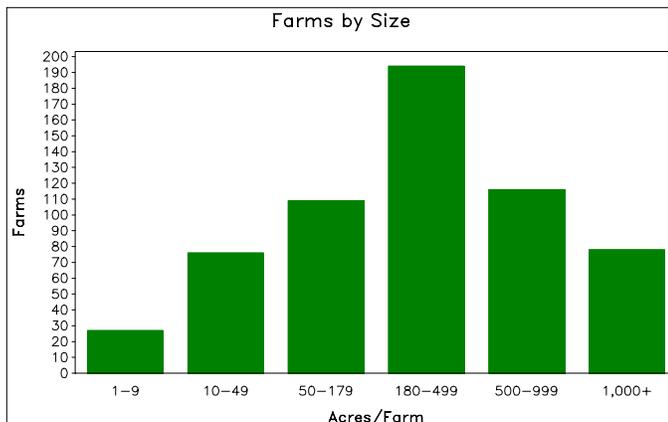
\$164,627 in 2002, \$172,611 in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,385,000 in 2002, \$4,083,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,883 in 2002, \$8,524 in 1997, up 4 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 93 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	98,776	38	93	517	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	29,927	49	93	862	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	68,849	31	93	366	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	26,264	51	91	542	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,286	16	93	379	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	64,549	26	93	106	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,211	25	73	1,263	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,642	45	91	647	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22	81	93	2,731	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	289	13	74	450	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	70,739	28	93	301	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	1	41	(D)	1,541
Hogs and pigs	13,254	49	90	633	2,926
Colonies of bees	2,830	4	50	213	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	682	28	93	1,671	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	80,121	41	93	290	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,238	27	93	750	3,059
Soybeans	23,990	55	84	780	2,076
Corn for silage	5,863	24	92	311	2,307
All Wheat for grain	988	55	84	1,547	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	108
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31
\$50,000 to \$99,999	96
\$100,000 to \$249,999	107
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32
\$500,000 or more	25
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	92,437
Average per farm (\$)	154,062
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,652
Average per farm (\$)	19,420

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	444
Other	156
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	576
Female	24
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.1
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	861
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.