

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Phelps, Nebraska

### Number of farms

470 farms in 2002, 580 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Land in farms

366,154 acres in 2002, 382,407 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

779 acres in 2002, 659 acres in 1997, up 18 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$341,280,000 in 2002, \$338,471,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$87,485,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$253,795,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

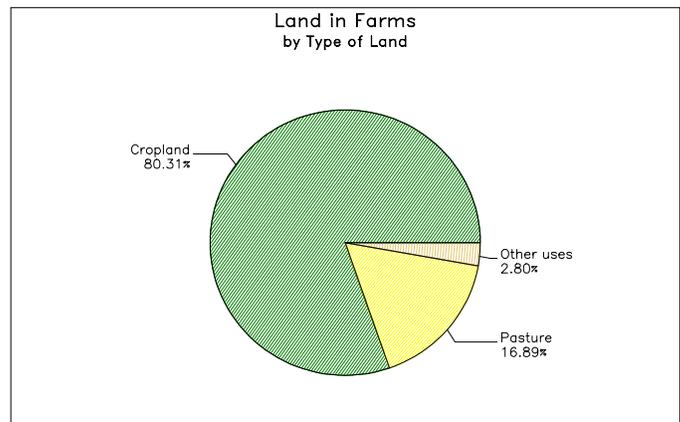
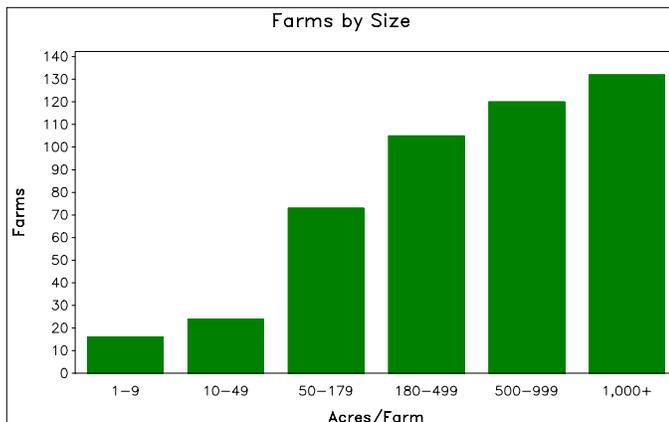
\$726,127 in 2002, \$583,570 in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Government Payments

\$6,030,000 in 2002, \$6,370,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,947 in 2002, \$13,878 in 1997, up 29 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	341,280	3	93	59	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	87,485	3	93	168	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	253,795	3	93	50	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	83,722	3	91	52	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	-	-	40	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	68	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	67	91	2,569	2,918
Cattle and calves	249,889	3	93	22	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,562	40	91	568	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	98	25	89	824	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	74	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	159,906	7	93	50	3,059
Hogs and pigs	15,376	46	90	596	2,926
Sheep and lambs	1,475	23	90	723	2,867
Horses and ponies	486	45	93	2,196	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	30	78	(D)	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	153,394	12	93	80	2,592
Soybeans	102,895	15	84	236	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,069	83	93	1,958	3,059
Corn for silage	5,195	29	92	351	2,307
All Wheat for grain	3,662	39	84	1,046	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	26	Farming	379
\$1,000 to \$2,499	8	Other	91
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Male	461
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Female	9
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	50.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	White	682
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	144	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	75	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	309,842	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	660,644	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	38,275		
Average per farm (\$)	81,610		

(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.