

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Benson, North Dakota

Number of farms

567 farms in 2002, 634 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

732,870 acres in 2002, 762,398 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

1,293 acres in 2002, 1,203 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$55,220,000 in 2002, \$50,117,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,598,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,622,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

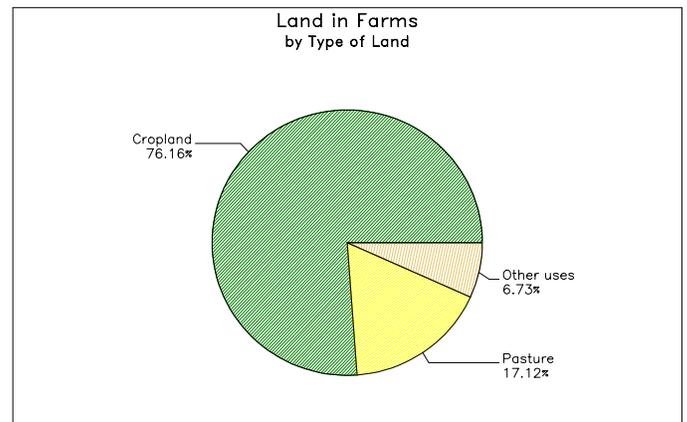
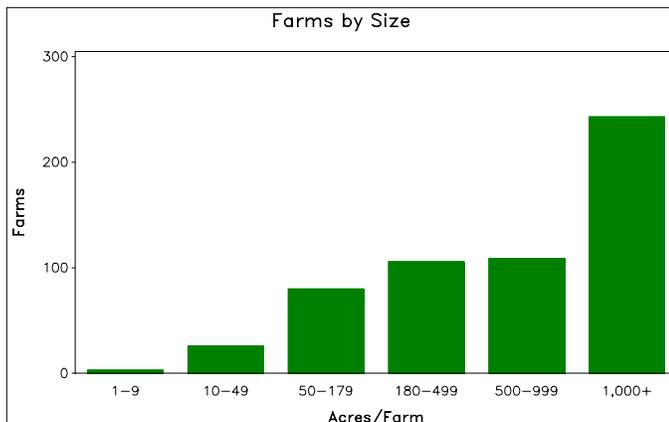
\$97,389 in 2002, \$79,049 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,003,000 in 2002, \$4,978,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,310 in 2002, \$9,997 in 1997, up 33 percent.



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Ranked items among the 53 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	55,220	22	53	1,042	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,598	20	53	585	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,622	27	53	1,682	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	38,781	22	53	357	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	19	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	48	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,855	25	53	935	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	619	25	45	1,562	2,493
Hogs and pigs	220	18	51	1,229	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	50	32	53	1,269	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	163	10	53	1,315	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	716	9	52	188	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	32,466	25	53	986	3,059
Bison	3,124	1	51	8	1,321
Horses and ponies	1,536	8	53	733	3,065
Sheep and lambs	968	36	53	1,005	2,867
Hogs and pigs	637	26	51	1,523	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	145,026	23	53	70	2,517
Barley	58,249	5	53	14	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,626	27	53	414	3,059
Sunflower seed	41,877	7	53	8	746
Canola	36,149	10	49	10	165

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	155	Farming	449
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	118
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	38	Male	528
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	39
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	80		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	96	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	44	White	713
\$500,000 or more	19	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,087	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Average per farm (\$)	95,224	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,146	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	24,906	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.