

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Morton, North Dakota

Number of farms

855 farms in 2002, 954 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

1,276,269 acres in 2002, 1,216,490 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Average size of farm

1,493 acres in 2002, 1,275 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$69,285,000 in 2002, \$60,245,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,754,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$49,531,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

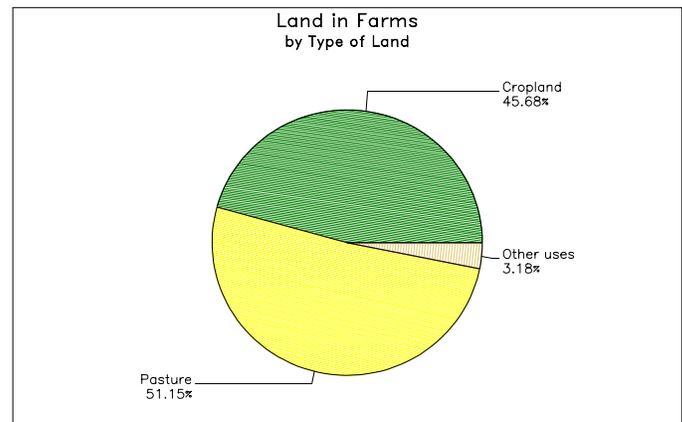
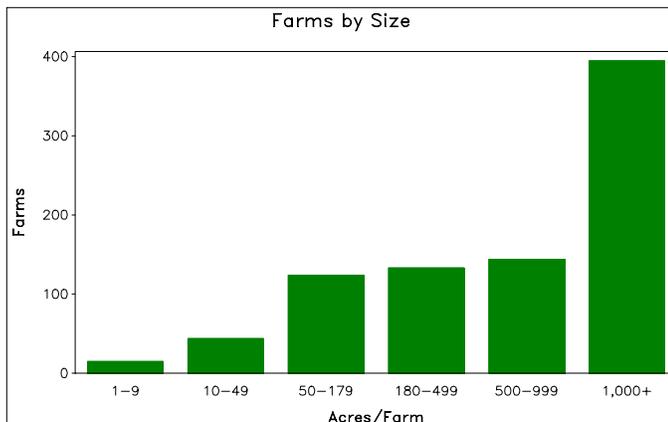
\$81,035 in 2002, \$63,150 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,147,000 in 2002, \$4,617,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,274 in 2002, \$7,180 in 1997, up 29 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	69,285	16	53	815	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,754	37	53	1,175	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,531	1	53	560	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	17,520	36	53	739	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	36	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	19	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	560	5	27	1,370	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,674	13	53	778	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	35,895	1	53	238	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	10,968	1	45	348	2,493
Hogs and pigs	541	12	51	1,018	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	599	2	53	291	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,172	5	52	98	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	117,419	1	53	88	3,059
Colonies of bees	15,170	1	34	22	2,392
Sheep and lambs	5,346	5	53	208	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,163	3	53	417	3,065
Hogs and pigs	2,086	15	51	1,123	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	160,080	2	53	10	3,059
All Wheat for grain	142,475	24	53	72	2,517
Sunflower seed	34,576	12	53	13	746
Barley	18,677	28	53	60	1,246
Corn for silage	16,857	1	52	72	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	171	Farming	596
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31	Other	259
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62	Male	823
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35	Female	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	61		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	135		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	165	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	44	White	1,247
\$500,000 or more	21	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	60,250	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	70,716	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,959	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	17,558	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(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.