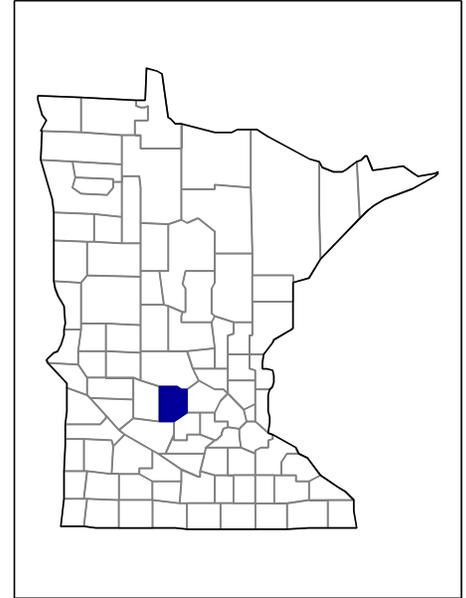


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Meeker, Minnesota



### Number of farms

1,141 farms in 2002, 1,079 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Land in farms

340,552 acres in 2002, 304,171 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

298 acres in 2002, 282 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$129,070,000 in 2002, \$140,991,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$59,210,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$69,860,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

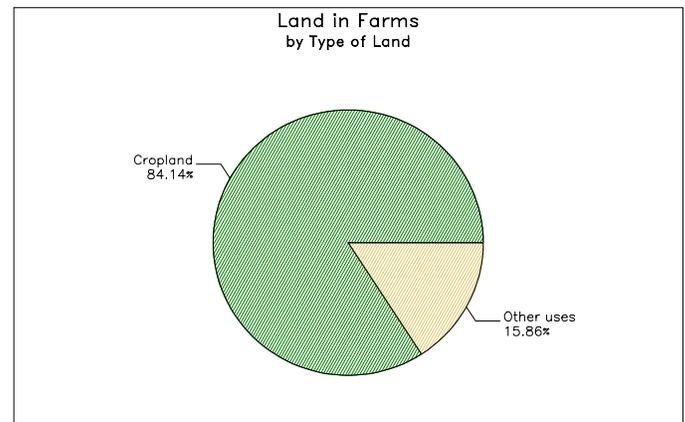
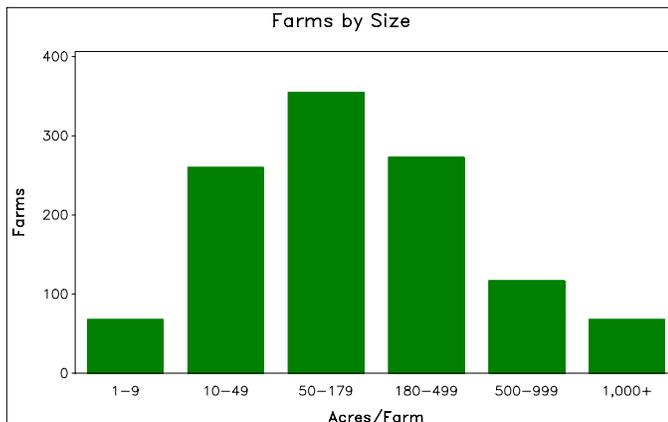
\$113,120 in 2002, \$130,669 in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,293,000 in 2002, \$4,087,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,974 in 2002, \$5,294 in 1997, up 32 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 87 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	129,070	27	87	325	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	59,210	36	87	376	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	69,860	23	87	357	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	55,481	30	85	184	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,678	38	86	587	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	67	34	83	1,443	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	352	44	81	1,585	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	157	11	62	320	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,474	51	87	886	3,046
Poultry and eggs	42,642	6	87	162	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,046	39	86	1,147	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	15,210	17	84	275	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,648	46	87	560	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	155	29	85	558	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	122	42	85	1,588	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	36	63	85	1,266	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	4	86	(D)	2,983
Turkeys	1,115,989	5	82	22	2,328
Cattle and calves	27,181	28	87	1,149	3,059
Hogs and pigs	16,508	48	86	577	2,926
Sheep and lambs	2,467	21	85	456	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	116,853	27	84	174	2,076
Corn for grain	107,881	28	84	189	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,423	40	87	1,279	3,059
Corn for silage	5,329	20	84	339	2,307
All Wheat for grain	5,324	26	82	895	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	366
\$1,000 to \$2,499	53
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55
\$5,000 to \$9,999	74
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	80
\$40,000 to \$49,999	39
\$50,000 to \$99,999	118
\$100,000 to \$249,999	153
\$250,000 to \$499,999	62
\$500,000 or more	40
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	110,558
Average per farm (\$)	97,066
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,982
Average per farm (\$)	22,811

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	704
Other	437
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,034
Female	107
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,571
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
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.