

# 2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

## Nebraska

### Number of farms

49,355 farms in 2002, 54,539 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

45,903,116 acres in 2002, 45,853,656 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Average size of farm

930 acres in 2002, 841 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$9,703,657,000 in 2002, \$9,937,248,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,388,265,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,315,392,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

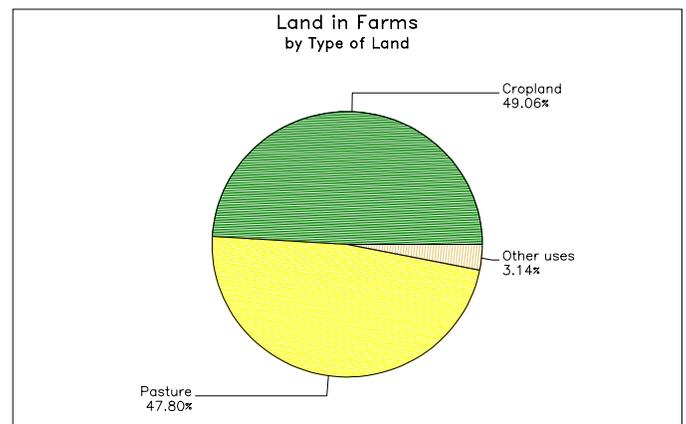
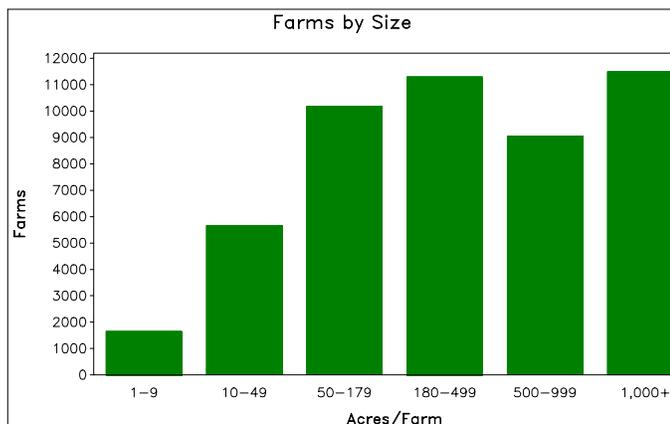
\$196,609 in 2002, \$182,204 in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Government Payments

\$347,517,000 in 2002, \$326,937,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,858 in 2002, \$8,822 in 1997, up 23 percent.



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**Ranked items within U.S., 2002**

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	9,703,657	4	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,388,265	8	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,315,392	4	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,091,884	4	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	58,337	27	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,375	45	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	34,259	41	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	797	35	50
Other crops and hay	201,613	13	50
Poultry and eggs	142,442	27	50
Cattle and calves	5,401,018	3	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	148,941	31	50
Hogs and pigs	590,581	6	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	8,288	16	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	11,098	32	50
Aquaculture	2,170	39	50
Other animals and other animal products	10,853	22	50
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	11,786,314	10	50
Cattle and calves	6,202,947	3	50
Hogs and pigs	2,933,620	6	50
Turkeys	(D)	(D)	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	584,353	29	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
Corn for grain	7,344,715	3	49
Soybeans	4,571,558	7	41
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,862,592	7	50
All Wheat for grain	1,526,775	10	48
Corn for silage	409,447	5	49

**Other State Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	8,002
\$1,000 to \$2,499	1,818
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2,172
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,077
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,220
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,633
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4,083
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,947
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,619
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8,834
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4,126
\$500,000 or more	2,824
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,050,038
Average per farm (\$)	183,362
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,225,016
Average per farm (\$)	24,820

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	36,031
Other	13,324
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	46,350
Female	3,005
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	69,393
Black or African American	14
American Indian or Alaska Native	108
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
Asian	13
More than one race	42
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	440

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

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