

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Hitchcock, Nebraska

### Number of farms

299 farms in 2002, 357 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Land in farms

433,525 acres in 2002, 424,635 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,450 acres in 2002, 1,189 acres in 1997, up 22 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$32,485,000 in 2002, \$34,728,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,627,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,858,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

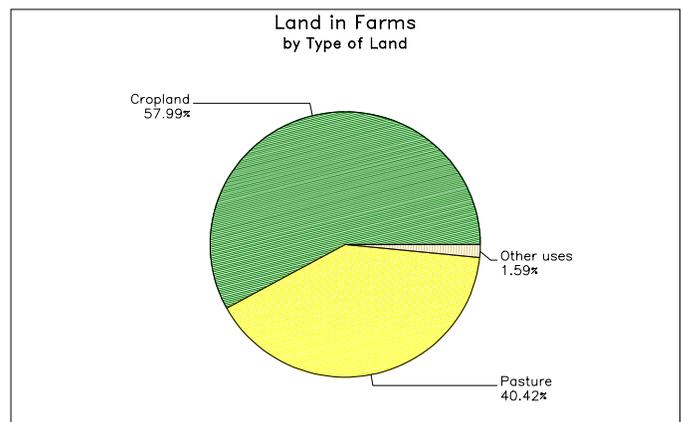
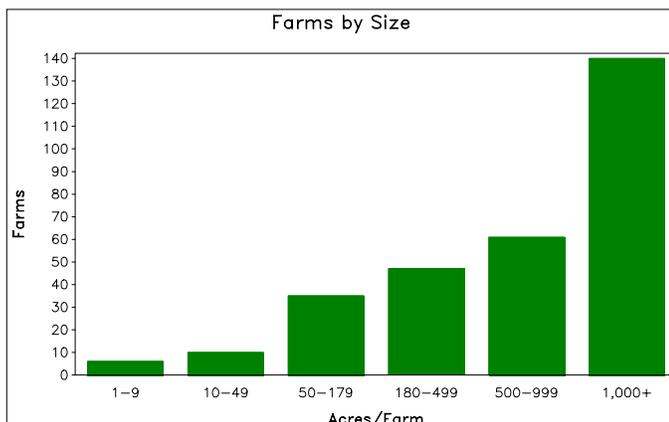
\$108,645 in 2002, \$97,278 in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,715,000 in 2002, \$2,841,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,173 in 2002, \$10,109 in 1997, up 20 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	32,485	77	93	1,623	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,627	67	93	1,269	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,858	82	93	1,554	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,841	64	91	762	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	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,481	77	93	725	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	324	72	91	1,127	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	81	89	2,148	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	21	82	93	2,745	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	29,733	74	93	1,069	3,059
Hogs and pigs	2,564	70	90	1,076	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	291	61	93	2,274	2,983
All Goats	271	14	89	1,579	2,971
Quail <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	78,036	6	84	175	2,517
Corn for grain	26,043	72	93	712	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,917	78	93	1,781	3,059
Sorghum for grain	5,587	18	75	242	1,307
Corn for silage	4,272	37	92	425	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	23	Farming	243
\$1,000 to \$2,499	12	Other	56
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Male	287
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Female	12
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	White	433
\$50,000 to \$99,999	59	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	61	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,447	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	105,525	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,972		
Average per farm (\$)	13,327		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.