

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

McPherson, Nebraska

Number of farms

128 farms in 2002, 115 farms in 1997, up 11 percent.

Land in farms

528,642 acres in 2002, 436,106 acres in 1997, up 21 percent.

Average size of farm

4,130 acres in 2002, 3,792 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$18,632,000 in 2002, \$13,801,000 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,285,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,346,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

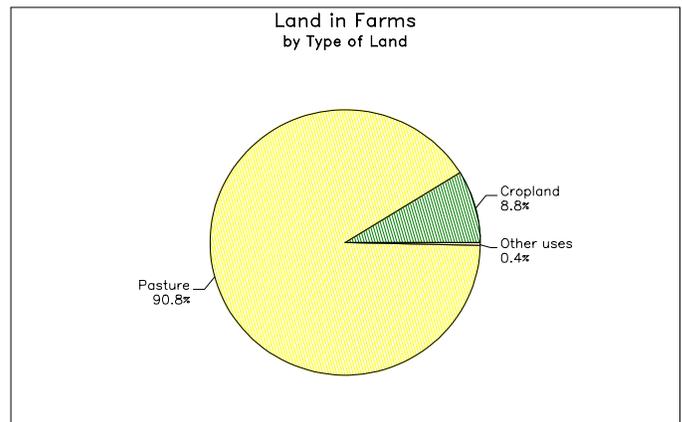
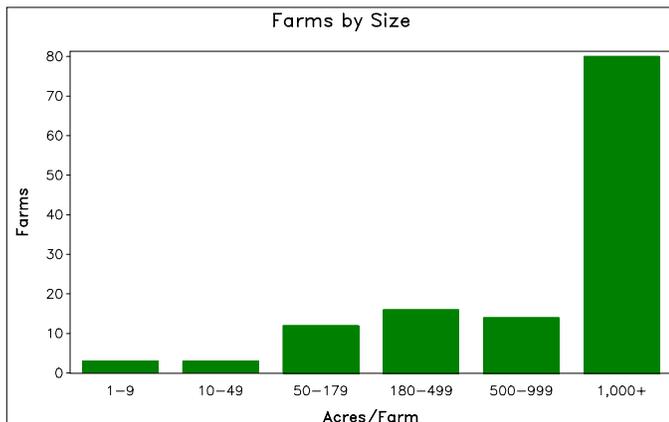
\$145,559 in 2002, \$120,006 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$521,000 in 2002, \$267,000 in 1997, up 95 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,022 in 2002, \$11,133 in 1997, down 10 percent.



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Ranked items among the 93 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	18,632	87	93	2,145	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,285	87	93	2,649	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,346	77	93	1,417	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	562	88	91	1,965	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	66	-	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	724	71	93	1,564	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	17,223	72	93	611	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	104	29	93	1,740	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	74	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	43,231	55	93	701	3,059
Horses and ponies	702	24	93	1,737	3,065
Sheep and lambs	(D)	77	90	(D)	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	102	82	93	2,709	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens ³	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,121	42	93	1,055	3,059
Corn for grain	1,985	88	93	1,563	2,592
Corn for silage	1,128	80	92	1,053	2,307
Soybeans	(D)	83	84	(D)	2,076
Rye for grain	(D)	22	54	(D)	1,204

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	13	Farming	96
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4	Other	32
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11	Male	117
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	White	210
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,917	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	141,077	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,314	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	18,223	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.

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