

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Polk, Nebraska

Number of farms

527 farms in 2002, 633 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

Land in farms

264,455 acres in 2002, 267,816 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

502 acres in 2002, 423 acres in 1997, up 19 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$148,561,000 in 2002, \$168,142,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$49,466,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$99,096,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

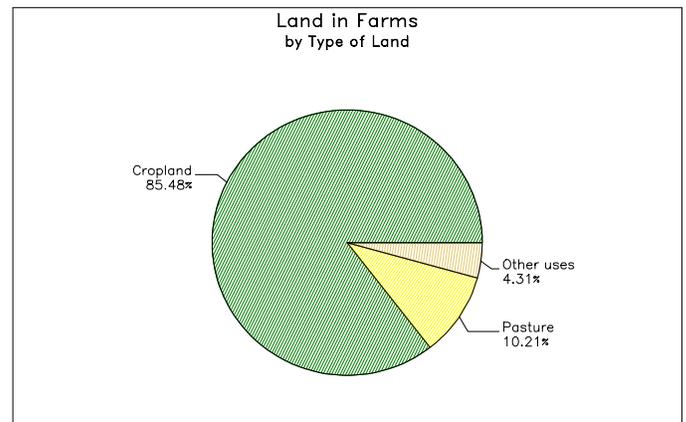
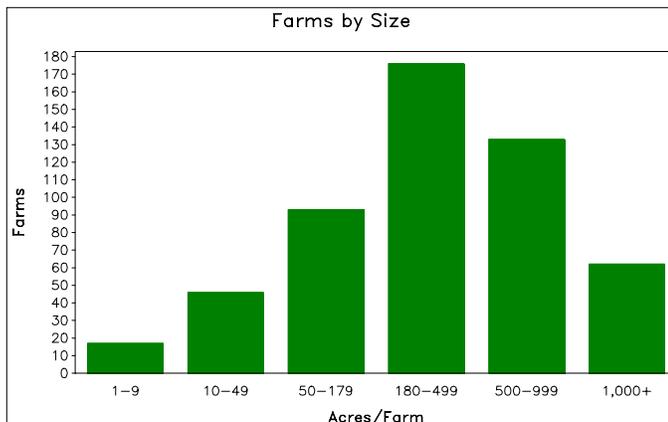
\$281,900 in 2002, \$265,627 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,323,000 in 2002, \$4,890,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,948 in 2002, \$10,041 in 1997, down 1 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	148,561	22	93	250	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	49,466	31	93	484	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	99,096	19	93	208	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	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	72,085	23	93	97	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10,619	21	91	280	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	85	89	2,472	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	79	35	93	1,983	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	66	74	2,384	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	514,038	5	93	169	2,983
Cattle and calves	55,580	38	93	478	3,059
Hogs and pigs	45,721	21	90	307	2,926
Horses and ponies	430	51	93	2,309	3,065
Mules, burros, and donkeys	209	1	65	56	2,649
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	110,843	32	93	178	2,592
Soybeans	83,380	28	84	351	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,810	79	93	1,791	3,059
Corn for silage	3,933	46	92	457	2,307
Sorghum for grain	1,823	26	75	380	1,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	30	Farming	417
\$1,000 to \$2,499	12	Other	110
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48	Male	514
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Female	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	79		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	153	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	45	White	754
\$500,000 or more	41	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	135,062	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	256,285	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	21,519	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	40,832	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.