

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Valley, Nebraska

Number of farms

419 farms in 2002, 464 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

314,661 acres in 2002, 334,058 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

751 acres in 2002, 720 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$70,619,000 in 2002, \$90,898,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$21,317,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$49,302,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

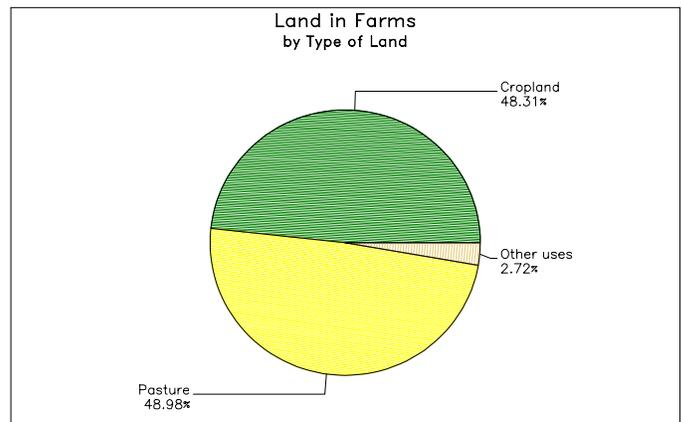
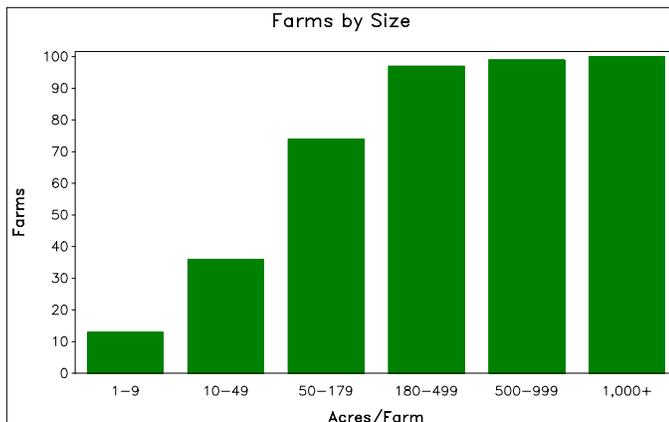
\$168,541 in 2002, \$195,902 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,497,000 in 2002, \$2,360,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,494 in 2002, \$7,423 in 1997, up 28 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	70,619	54	93	792	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,317	62	93	1,121	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,302	49	93	563	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	18,257	63	91	716	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	17	49	66	2,368	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	40	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	202	25	68	1,808	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,841	21	93	442	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	46	91	2,153	2,918
Cattle and calves	46,082	46	93	168	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,857	43	91	618	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	96	26	89	837	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	67,925	29	93	324	3,059
Hogs and pigs	20,971	40	90	509	2,926
Colonies of bees	(D)	5	50	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	1,552	20	90	695	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	903	24	93	1,468	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	54,818	52	93	457	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,103	26	93	724	3,059
Soybeans	18,312	58	84	870	2,076
Corn for silage	4,081	43	92	438	2,307
All Wheat for grain	1,065	53	84	1,516	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	54
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26
\$10,000 to \$19,999	38
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26
\$50,000 to \$99,999	70
\$100,000 to \$249,999	72
\$250,000 to \$499,999	35
\$500,000 or more	22
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	63,756
Average per farm (\$)	151,799
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,718
Average per farm (\$)	25,519

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	324
Other	95
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	399
Female	20
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	614
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.