

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Ward, North Dakota

Number of farms

966 farms in 2002, 1,262 farms in 1997, down 23 percent.

Land in farms

1,108,988 acres in 2002, 1,244,472 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

1,148 acres in 2002, 986 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$90,927,000 in 2002, \$85,518,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$75,500,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,427,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

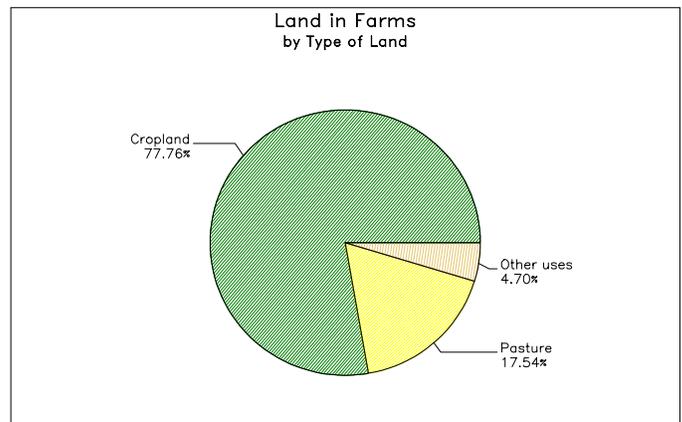
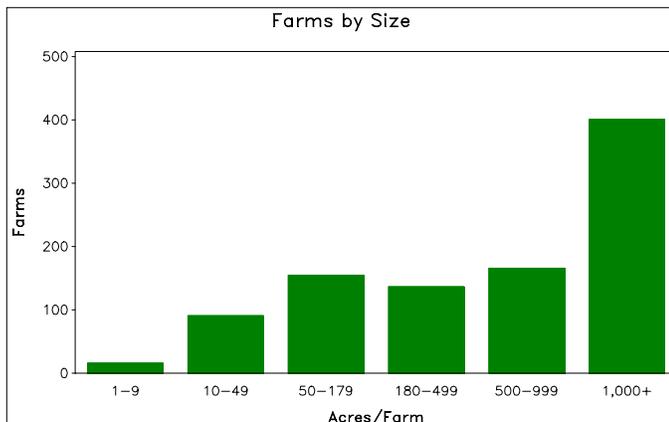
\$94,127 in 2002, \$67,764 in 1997, up 39 percent.

Government Payments

\$9,373,000 in 2002, \$8,546,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,804 in 2002, \$8,865 in 1997, up 56 percent.



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Ranked items among the 53 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	90,927	9	53	602	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	75,500	9	53	244	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,427	20	53	1,526	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	71,718	7	53	102	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	68	22	36	1,906	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,526	20	53	886	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,665	14	45	1,113	2,493
Hogs and pigs	707	9	51	955	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	130	16	53	657	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	196	8	53	1,131	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	41,120	17	53	748	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	10	34	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,421	10	53	825	3,065
Hogs and pigs	1,218	19	51	1,288	2,926
Sheep and lambs	1,137	30	53	884	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	360,698	2	53	7	2,517
Flaxseed	93,898	1	50	1	117
Canola	88,835	3	49	3	165
Barley	67,634	2	53	9	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	65,043	17	53	158	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	169	Farming	703
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34	Other	263
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	85	Male	909
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	57
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	39	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	150		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	213	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	66	White	1,315
\$500,000 or more	24	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,144	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	74,031	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,811	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	35,183	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.