



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Nobles, Minnesota

Number of farms

1,043 farms in 2002, 1,029 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

404,307 acres in 2002, 393,866 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

388 acres in 2002, 383 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$187,557,000 in 2002, \$158,293,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$75,043,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$112,515,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

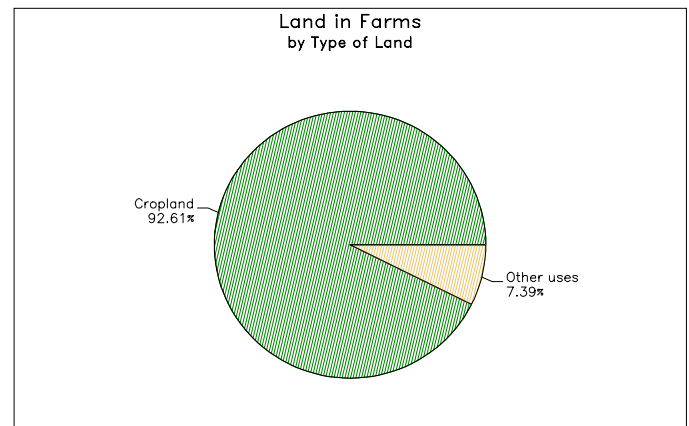
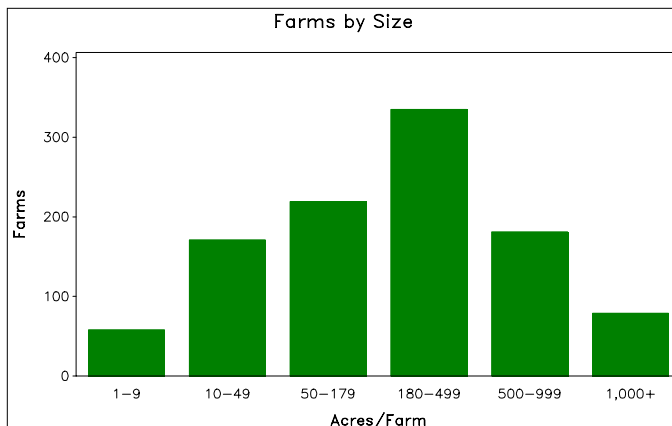
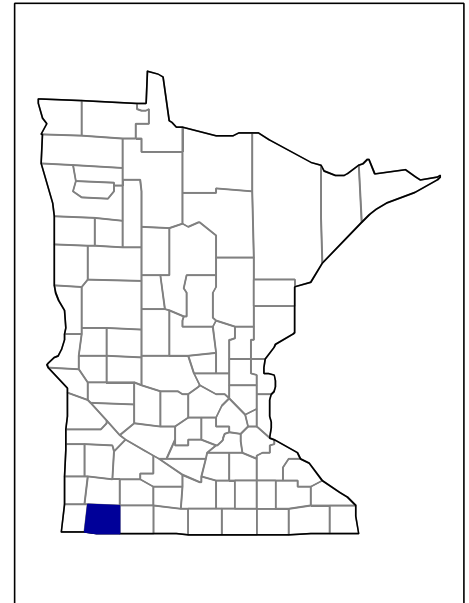
\$179,825 in 2002, \$153,832 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,382,000 in 2002, \$5,063,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,645 in 2002, \$6,305 in 1997, up 21 percent.



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Ranked items among the 87 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	187,557	9	87	167	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	75,043	25	87	251	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	112,515	8	87	177	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73,300	16	85	96	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,351	55	87	978	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	36,184	4	86	232	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	9,928	30	84	380	2,493
Hogs and pigs	66,023	3	87	26	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	204	22	85	432	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	145	36	85	1,423	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	307,536	3	86	29	2,926
Cattle and calves	43,475	13	87	693	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,851	16	85	393	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	944	50	86	1,440	2,983
Horses and ponies	553	60	87	2,040	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	168,675	9	84	35	2,076
Corn for grain	165,558	11	84	47	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,554	53	87	1,542	3,059
Corn for silage	5,338	18	84	337	2,307
Oats	1,552	48	86	343	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	156
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	114
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38
\$50,000 to \$99,999	182
\$100,000 to \$249,999	208
\$250,000 to \$499,999	101
\$500,000 or more	86
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	164,485
Average per farm (\$)	157,402
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	35,193
Average per farm (\$)	33,678

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	854
Other	189
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,018
Female	25
Average age of principal operator (years)	50.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,392
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.