

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Buffalo, Nebraska

### Number of farms

989 farms in 2002, 1,153 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Land in farms

601,256 acres in 2002, 627,842 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

608 acres in 2002, 545 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$179,004,000 in 2002, \$161,817,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$78,342,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$100,662,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

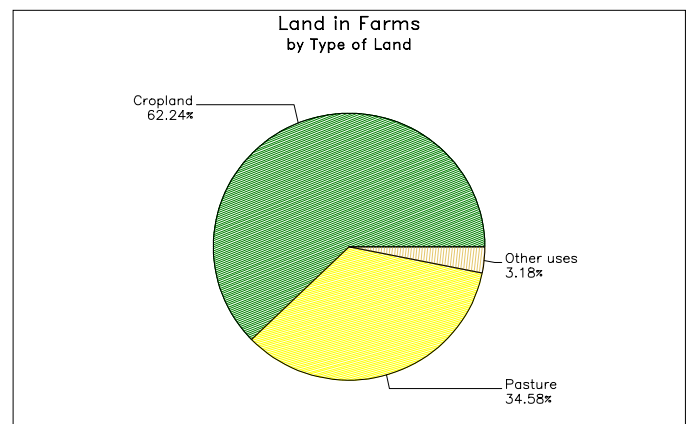
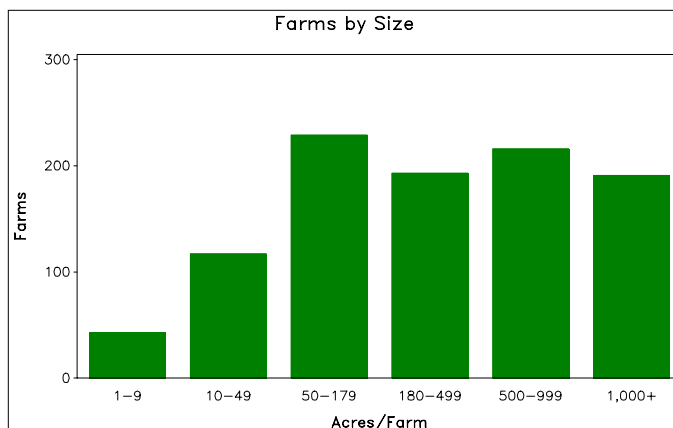
\$180,995 in 2002, \$140,345 in 1997, up 29 percent.

### Government Payments

\$7,484,000 in 2002, \$6,863,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,130 in 2002, \$10,305 in 1997, up 27 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 93 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	179,004	12	93	180	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	78,342	6	93	224	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	100,662	18	93	205	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	72,357	8	91	99	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	46	42	66	2,081	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	84,190	16	93	81	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,195	52	91	691	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,397	1	89	66	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	120	25	93	1,607	3,014
Aquaculture	26	13	24	806	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	120	24	74	791	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	4	58	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	101,856	13	93	127	3,059
Hogs and pigs	12,547	50	90	649	2,926
Sheep and lambs	8,286	1	90	140	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	11	50	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	164,443	7	93	51	2,592
Soybeans	66,228	36	84	452	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	48,816	13	93	313	3,059
Corn for silage	8,206	9	92	201	2,307
All Wheat for grain	3,836	37	84	1,024	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	140
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63
\$10,000 to \$19,999	66
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34
\$25,000 to \$39,999	71
\$40,000 to \$49,999	47
\$50,000 to \$99,999	127
\$100,000 to \$249,999	202
\$250,000 to \$499,999	80
\$500,000 or more	63
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	167,404
Average per farm (\$)	168,925
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	36,181
Average per farm (\$)	36,509

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	698
Other	291
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	920
Female	69
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,407
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.