

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Custer, Nebraska

Number of farms

1,149 farms in 2002, 1,359 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

Land in farms

1,501,959 acres in 2002, 1,519,709 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

1,307 acres in 2002, 1,118 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$281,928,000 in 2002, \$286,716,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$61,378,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$220,551,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

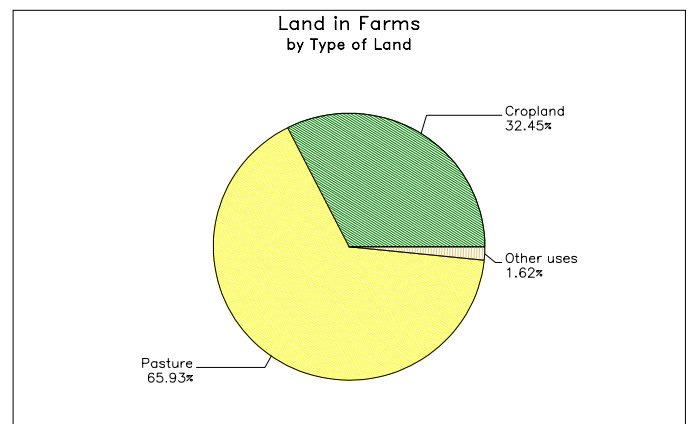
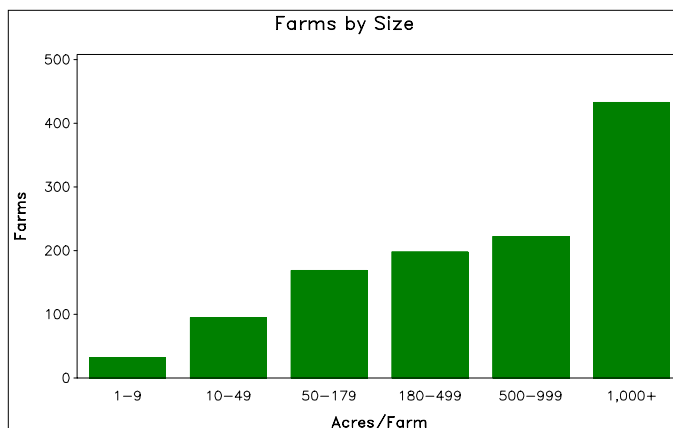
\$245,368 in 2002, \$210,975 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Government Payments

\$7,945,000 in 2002, \$6,269,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,652 in 2002, \$8,163 in 1997, up 55 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	281,928	5	93	83	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	61,378	18	93	359	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	220,551	4	93	62	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	53,936	20	91	197	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	28	44	66	2,238	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	7,348	5	93	185	3,046
Poultry and eggs	100	26	91	1,319	2,918
Cattle and calves	212,052	5	93	31	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,197	26	73	1,266	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,216	33	91	420	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	626	2	89	148	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	261	8	93	856	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	100	26	74	856	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	284,722	2	93	12	3,059
Hogs and pigs	56,514	18	90	260	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	12,101	4	78	643	2,599
Sheep and lambs	4,201	3	90	265	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,443	3	93	329	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	150,216	14	93	88	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	100,595	3	93	42	3,059
Soybeans	31,854	49	84	705	2,076
Corn for silage	19,364	2	92	51	2,307
All Wheat for grain	8,309	34	84	711	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	123
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42
\$5,000 to \$9,999	82
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93
\$20,000 to \$24,999	44
\$25,000 to \$39,999	121
\$40,000 to \$49,999	59
\$50,000 to \$99,999	179
\$100,000 to \$249,999	204
\$250,000 to \$499,999	85
\$500,000 or more	77
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	268,891
Average per farm (\$)	234,839
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,800
Average per farm (\$)	21,659

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	874
Other	275
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,085
Female	64
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,679
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	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.

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.