

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Dawson, Nebraska

Number of farms

718 farms in 2002, 903 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

Land in farms

622,805 acres in 2002, 651,323 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

867 acres in 2002, 721 acres in 1997, up 20 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$371,332,000 in 2002, \$402,364,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$74,664,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$296,669,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

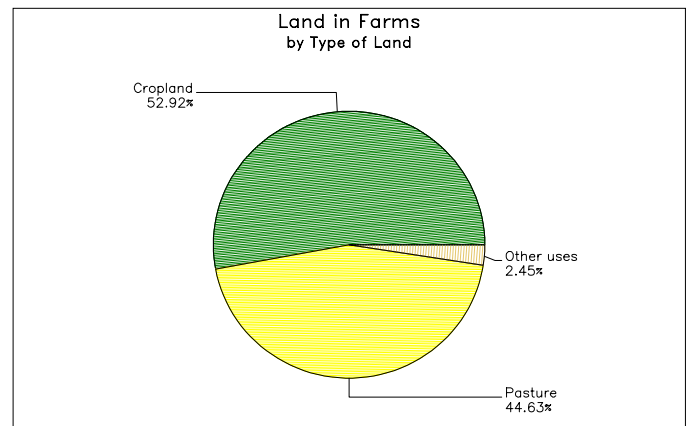
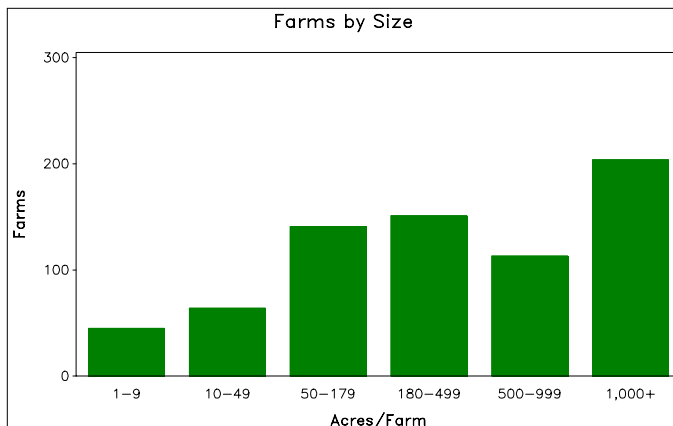
\$517,176 in 2002, \$445,585 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,487,000 in 2002, \$6,744,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,822 in 2002, \$11,790 in 1997, up 17 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	371,332	2	93	49	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	74,664	11	93	253	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	296,669	2	93	36	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	63,909	14	91	145	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	66	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	27	10	40	1,840	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	490	20	68	1,438	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	10,238	3	93	138	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	288,662	2	93	17	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7,408	29	91	371	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	163	11	89	535	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	190	13	93	1,152	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	196	20	74	598	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	215,896	5	93	30	3,059
Hogs and pigs	31,342	29	90	393	2,926
Colonies of bees	(D)	7	50	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	1,271	28	90	812	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,101	11	93	1,151	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	175,094	5	93	35	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	54,364	9	93	253	3,059
Soybeans	29,678	50	84	729	2,076
Corn for silage	7,612	13	92	221	2,307
Popcorn	5,939	5	57	10	412

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	50	Farming	533
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	185
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Male	673
\$10,000 to \$19,999	49	Female	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	39	White	1,047
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	147	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	89	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	81	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	351,063	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	490,312	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,327		
Average per farm (\$)	40,959		

(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.