

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Gage, Nebraska

Number of farms

1,272 farms in 2002, 1,232 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

552,316 acres in 2002, 533,559 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

434 acres in 2002, 433 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Market Value of Production

\$101,873,000 in 2002, \$115,905,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$52,065,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$49,809,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

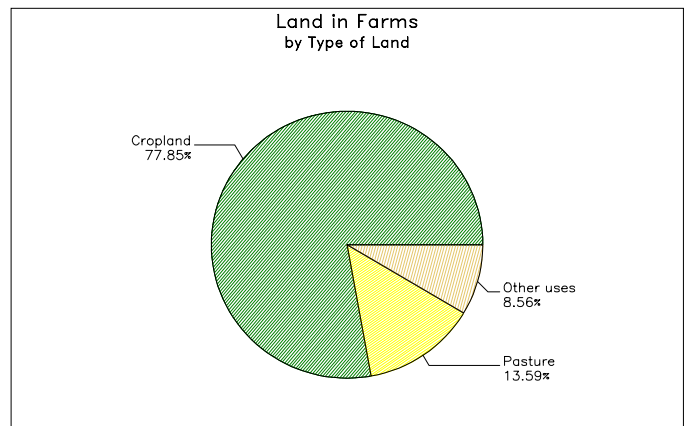
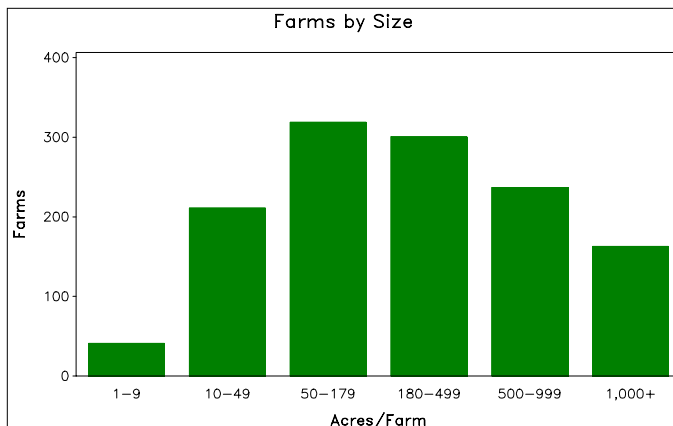
\$80,089 in 2002, \$94,079 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$8,326,000 in 2002, \$7,385,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,895 in 2002, \$7,899 in 1997, up 13 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	101,873	35	93	494	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	52,065	28	93	455	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,809	48	93	553	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	50,408	26	91	235	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	407	21	68	1,512	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	76	3	31	507	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,153	54	93	1,110	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8,733	4	91	492	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,098	74	93	656	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,019	7	73	492	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17,830	10	91	173	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	49	47	89	1,283	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	51	56	93	2,336	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	28	43	74	1,375	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	4	93	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	88,280	12	90	178	2,926
Cattle and calves	40,097	63	93	772	3,059
Horses and ponies	706	23	93	1,728	3,065
Sheep and lambs	640	54	90	1,285	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	138,304	2	84	98	2,076
Corn for grain	129,445	24	93	126	2,592
Sorghum for grain	42,227	1	75	42	1,307
All Wheat for grain	29,158	18	84	369	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,220	35	93	965	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	305	Farming	851
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	421
\$2,500 to \$4,999	79		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	96	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	99	Male	1,205
\$20,000 to \$24,999	53	Female	67
\$25,000 to \$39,999	106		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	172		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	193	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	White	1,731
\$500,000 or more	27	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	88,404	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	69,555	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	21,994	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	17,304	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.