

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Kearney, Nebraska

### Number of farms

412 farms in 2002, 521 farms in 1997, down 21 percent.

### Land in farms

331,283 acres in 2002, 329,072 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

804 acres in 2002, 632 acres in 1997, up 27 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$205,090,000 in 2002, \$198,396,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$83,310,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$121,780,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

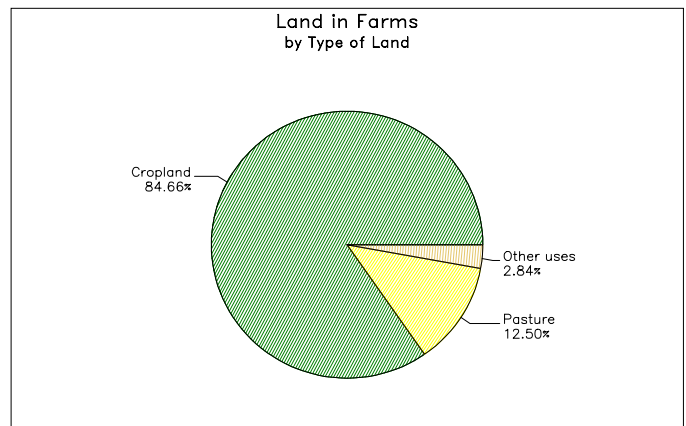
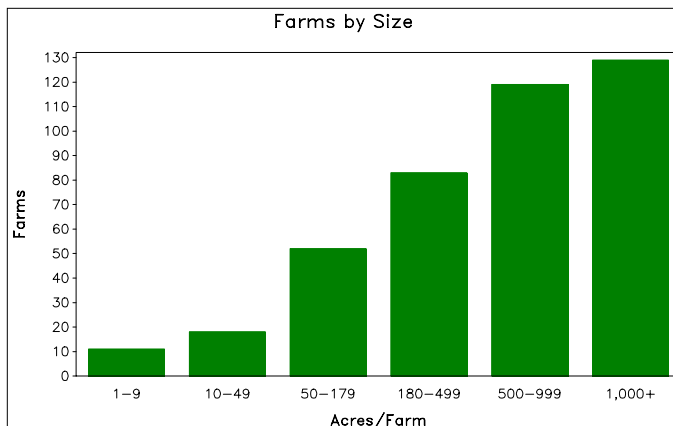
\$497,791 in 2002, \$380,799 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,984,000 in 2002, \$5,530,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,935 in 2002, \$13,554 in 1997, up 40 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	205,090	7	93	143	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	83,310	4	93	196	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	121,780	14	93	151	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	77,024	5	91	83	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	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	109,596	9	93	55	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,441	50	91	666	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	8	92	93	2,940	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	74	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	2	58	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	82,320	19	93	206	3,059
Hogs and pigs	11,469	52	90	674	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	485	40	93	1,922	2,983
Horses and ponies	275	81	93	2,674	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	150,274	13	93	87	2,592
Soybeans	88,338	24	84	320	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,048	82	93	1,880	3,059
All Wheat for grain	8,394	33	84	708	2,517
Corn for silage	6,318	21	92	292	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	12	Farming	362
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Male	398
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14	Female	14
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	White	579
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	101	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	94	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	64	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	181,144	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	439,669	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,441		
Average per farm (\$)	81,169		

(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.