

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Lancaster, Nebraska

### Number of farms

1,607 farms in 2002, 1,615 farms in 1997, down slightly.

### Land in farms

448,600 acres in 2002, 438,416 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

279 acres in 2002, 271 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$71,277,000 in 2002, \$84,196,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$48,928,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,349,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

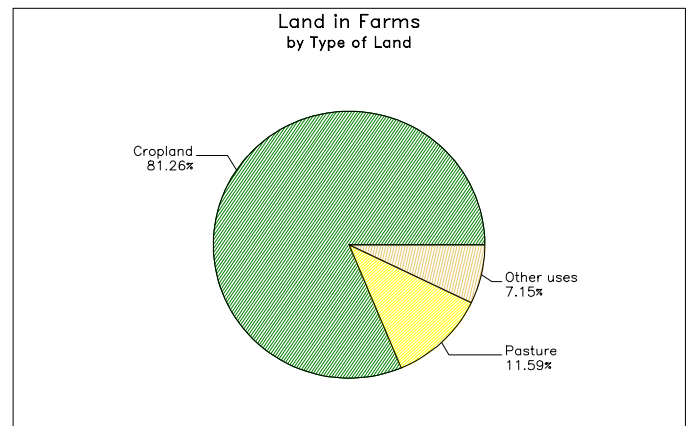
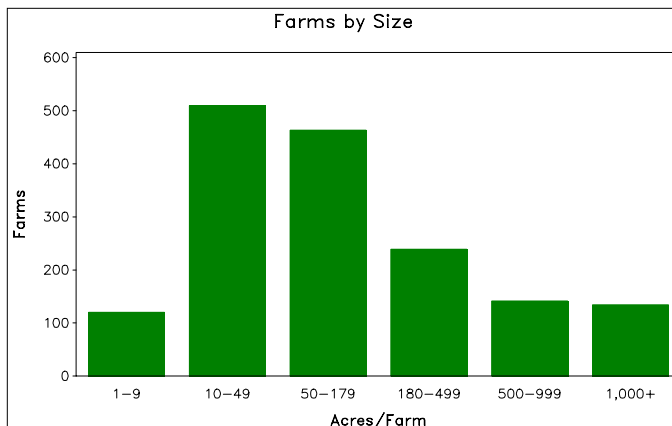
\$44,354 in 2002, \$52,134 in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Government Payments

\$6,321,000 in 2002, \$6,112,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,739 in 2002, \$5,934 in 1997, up 14 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	71,277	53	93	788	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	48,928	32	93	490	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,349	71	93	1,206	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	42,858	33	91	310	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	474	18	66	1,019	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	410	1	40	607	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,423	3	68	584	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	204	2	31	271	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,560	45	93	835	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,732	6	91	589	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,852	88	93	1,169	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,857	13	73	733	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4,038	39	91	537	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	92	28	89	857	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	731	4	93	213	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	47	36	74	1,173	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	5	58	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	25,877	81	93	1,194	3,059
Hogs and pigs	21,337	39	90	504	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,740	12	93	834	2,983
Horses and ponies	2,012	4	93	477	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	137,055	3	84	103	2,076
Corn for grain	128,415	25	93	130	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,949	31	93	892	3,059
Sorghum for grain	11,830	8	75	158	1,307
All Wheat for grain	9,490	30	84	667	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	479	Farming	847
\$1,000 to \$2,499	170	Other	760
\$2,500 to \$4,999	145	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	155	Male	1,465
\$10,000 to \$19,999	164	Female	142
\$20,000 to \$24,999	53	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	90	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	White	2,217
\$50,000 to \$99,999	113	Black or African American	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	148	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	45	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	15	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	69,582	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	43,300	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	20
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,787		
Average per farm (\$)	7,957		

(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.