

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Box Butte, Nebraska

Number of farms

476 farms in 2002, 540 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

675,091 acres in 2002, 711,799 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

1,418 acres in 2002, 1,318 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$130,059,000 in 2002, \$151,414,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$57,378,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$72,681,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

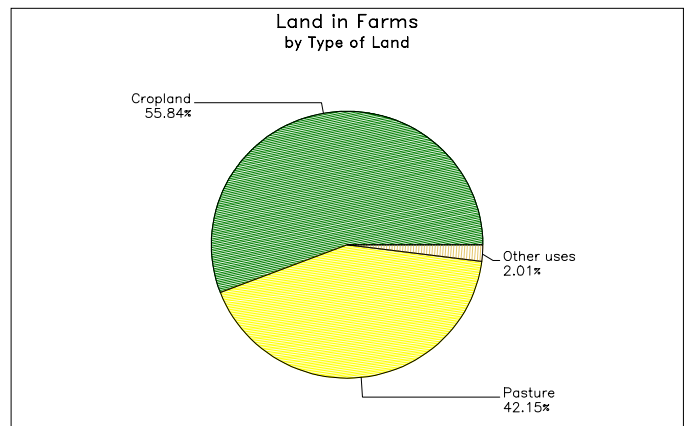
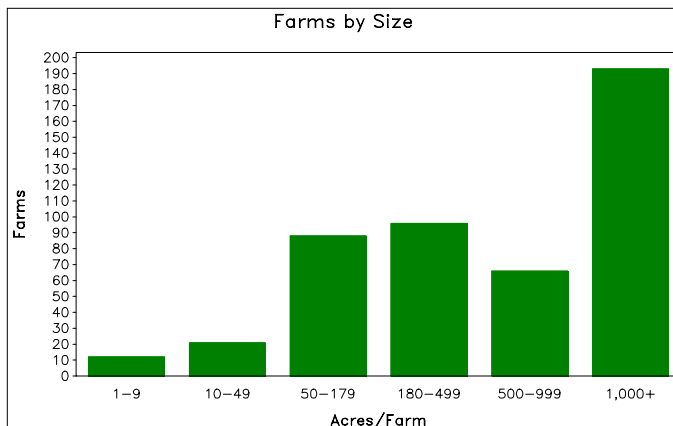
\$273,234 in 2002, \$280,396 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,647,000 in 2002, \$4,386,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,077 in 2002, \$11,759 in 1997, up 3 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	130,059	28	93	319	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	57,378	21	93	390	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	72,681	28	93	335	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	34,103	38	91	414	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	13,037	2	93	105	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	72,543	22	93	96	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	72	80	91	1,575	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	81,181	20	93	223	3,059
Horses and ponies	538	42	93	2,075	3,065
Hogs and pigs	442	79	90	1,689	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	392	51	93	2,085	2,983
Sheep and lambs	(D)	83	90	(D)	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	96,700	3	84	134	2,517
Corn for grain	43,335	62	93	551	2,592
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	28,394	2	26	12	571
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,747	33	93	943	3,059
Sugarbeets for sugar	17,583	1	16	26	158

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	72	Farming	353
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	123
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37	Male	437
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	39
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	41	White	696
\$500,000 or more	43	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	121,651	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	253,440	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,294	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	38,112	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.