

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Richardson, Nebraska

### Number of farms

732 farms in 2002, 767 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

320,783 acres in 2002, 322,178 acres in 1997, down slightly.

### Average size of farm

438 acres in 2002, 420 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$52,949,000 in 2002, \$69,352,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$28,752,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$24,197,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

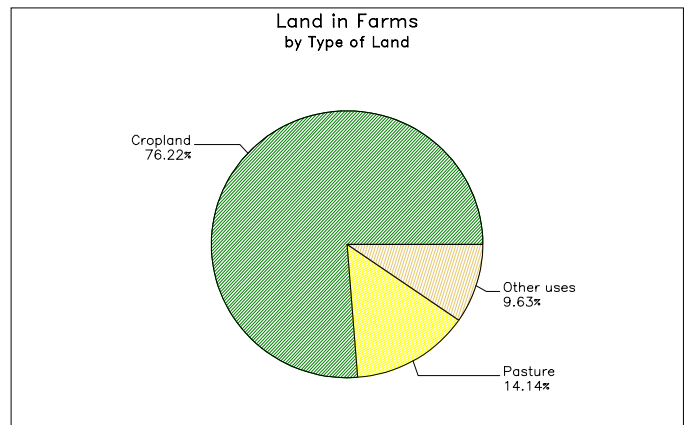
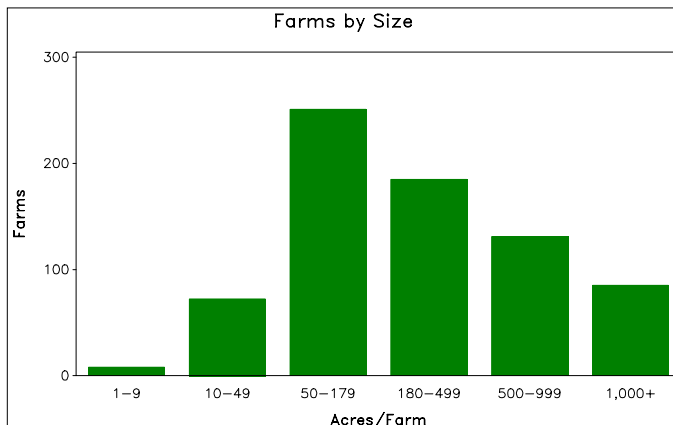
\$72,335 in 2002, \$90,420 in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,247,000 in 2002, \$3,270,000 in 1997, up 60 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,032 in 2002, \$5,343 in 1997, up 69 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	52,949	67	93	1,084	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,752	51	93	893	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	24,197	69	93	1,130	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	27,361	48	91	523	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	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	34	31	91	1,566	2,918
Cattle and calves	18,200	69	93	572	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,122	15	73	816	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,757	44	91	630	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	51	45	89	1,240	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	28	76	93	2,636	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	5	58	74	2,072	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	27,765	78	93	1,126	3,059
Hogs and pigs	16,018	44	90	586	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	911	23	93	1,460	2,983
Sheep and lambs	797	40	90	1,134	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	91,266	23	84	302	2,076
Corn for grain	86,095	40	93	269	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,539	73	93	1,629	3,059
All Wheat for grain	3,403	42	84	1,076	2,517
Sorghum for grain	2,970	22	75	310	1,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	190	Farming	440
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	292
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Male	686
\$10,000 to \$19,999	72	Female	46
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	White	978
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	103	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	15	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,431	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	74,055	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,785		
Average per farm (\$)	11,953		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.