

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Scotts Bluff, Nebraska

Number of farms

780 farms in 2002, 846 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

427,400 acres in 2002, 449,694 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

548 acres in 2002, 532 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$191,147,000 in 2002, \$233,152,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$45,260,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$145,888,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

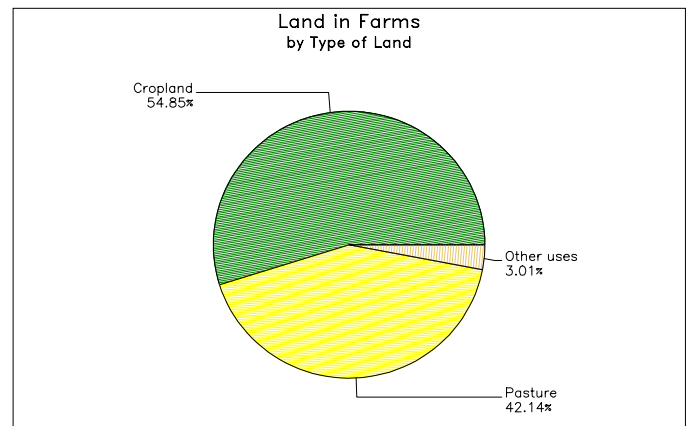
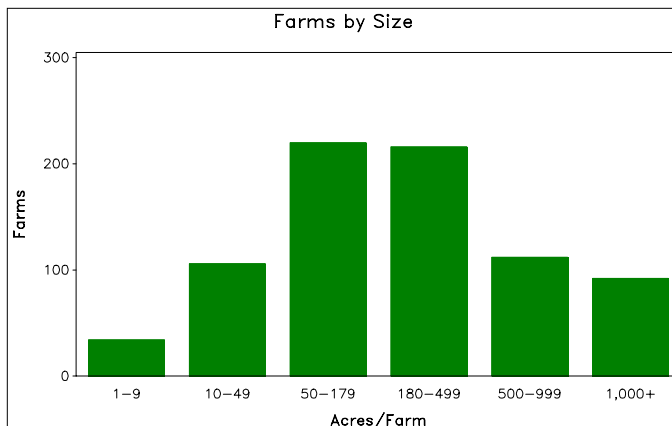
\$245,060 in 2002, \$275,594 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,517,000 in 2002, \$3,840,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,965 in 2002, \$7,204 in 1997, down 17 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	191,147	11	93	158	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,260	35	93	536	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	145,888	6	93	108	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30,834	45	91	474	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	-	-	40	-	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	13,852	1	93	99	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	57	91	2,359	2,918
Cattle and calves	143,969	6	93	42	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,190	62	91	829	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	40	54	89	1,433	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	650	5	93	250	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	116,089	10	93	91	3,059
Hogs and pigs	3,802	63	90	949	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,175	9	93	1,059	3,065
Sheep and lambs	920	36	90	1,040	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	452	43	93	1,982	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	75,026	46	93	321	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	40,848	17	93	462	3,059
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	38,796	1	26	10	571
All Wheat for grain	9,806	28	84	652	2,517
Sugarbeets for sugar	6,332	2	16	45	158

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	124
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62
\$10,000 to \$19,999	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999	67
\$40,000 to \$49,999	35
\$50,000 to \$99,999	90
\$100,000 to \$249,999	142
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51
\$500,000 or more	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	183,665
Average per farm (\$)	235,166
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,356
Average per farm (\$)	19,662

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	507
Other	273
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	724
Female	56
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,118
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	6
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29

(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.