

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Seward, Nebraska

### Number of farms

862 farms in 2002, 895 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

364,178 acres in 2002, 330,088 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

422 acres in 2002, 369 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$116,762,000 in 2002, \$148,784,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$59,461,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$57,301,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

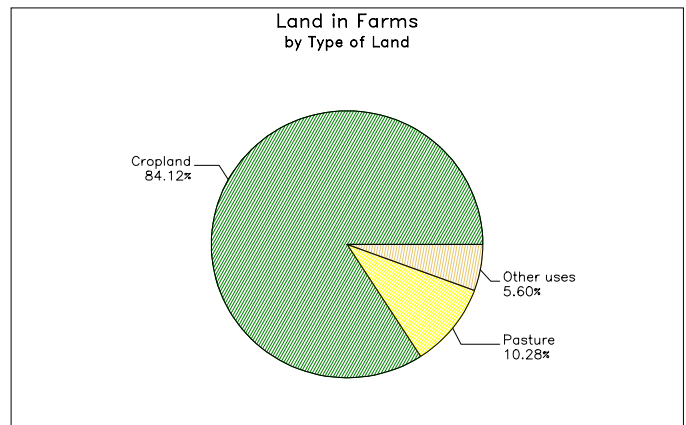
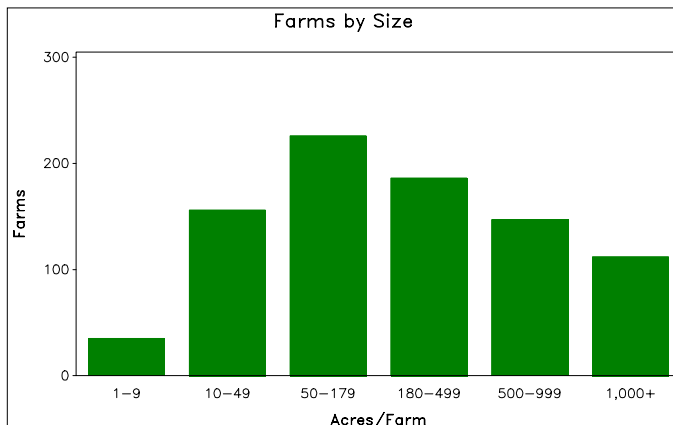
\$135,455 in 2002, \$166,239 in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,057,000 in 2002, \$5,219,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,673 in 2002, \$8,459 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 <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	116,762	32	93	393	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	59,461	20	93	371	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	57,301	41	93	471	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	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	15	55	68	2,506	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	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	40,889	48	93	196	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8,521	23	91	332	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	73	35	89	1,007	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	153	18	93	1,374	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	60	32	74	1,077	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	1	58	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	44,108	54	93	684	3,059
Hogs and pigs	40,896	24	90	333	2,926
Pheasants <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	1,541
Quail <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	134,129	22	93	116	2,592
Soybeans	117,228	11	84	173	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,074	72	93	1,589	3,059
Sorghum for grain	7,798	13	75	196	1,307
Corn for silage	4,539	35	92	397	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	170	Farming	581
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	281
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	Male	822
\$10,000 to \$19,999	90	Female	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	65	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	White	1,153
\$50,000 to \$99,999	108	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	123	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	70	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	32	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	105,794	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	123,447	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,519		
Average per farm (\$)	21,609		

(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.