

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Thomas, Nebraska

Number of farms

79 farms in 2002, 91 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

348,802 acres in 2002, 368,749 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

4,415 acres in 2002, 4,052 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$10,563,000 in 2002, \$8,397,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

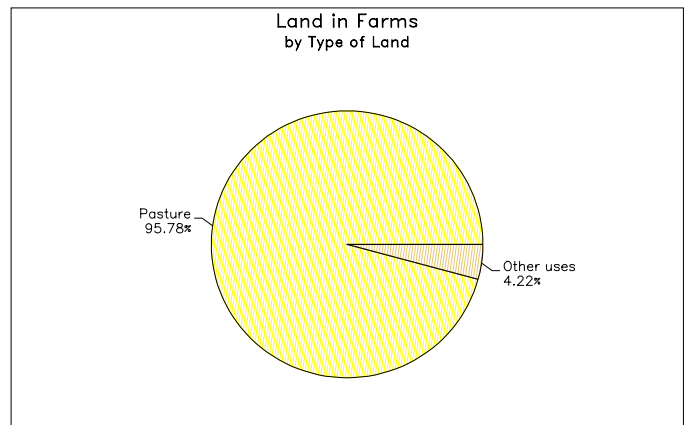
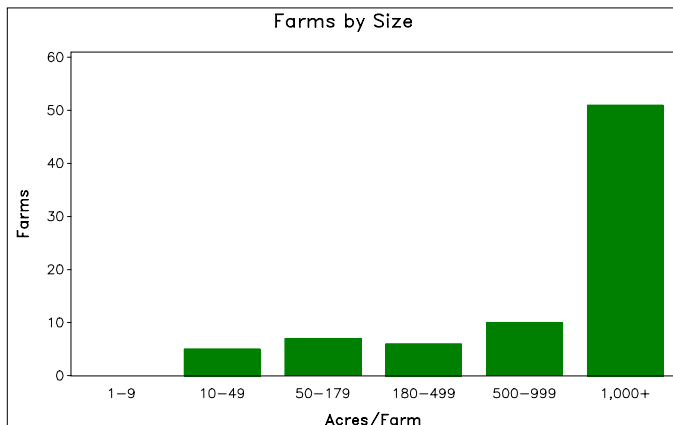
\$133,712 in 2002, \$92,270 in 1997, up 45 percent.

Government Payments

\$315,000 in 2002, \$63,000 in 1997, up 400 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,235 in 2002, \$4,489 in 1997, up 150 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	10,563	93	93	2,478	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	91	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	66	-	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	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	-	-	89	-	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	28,957	77	93	1,094	3,059
Horses and ponies	336	68	93	2,524	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	85	90	(D)	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens ³	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,599
Llamas ³	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,112
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,246	81	93	1,858	3,059
Nursery stock	(D)	17	42	(D)	2,129
Corn for silage ³	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,307
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	16	Farming	59
\$1,000 to \$2,499	1	Other	20
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7	Male	76
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	White	126
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,836	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	122,949	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,543	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	19,281	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.

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