

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Thurston, Nebraska

### Number of farms

438 farms in 2002, 407 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Land in farms

214,181 acres in 2002, 193,430 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Average size of farm

489 acres in 2002, 475 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$92,659,000 in 2002, \$60,052,000 in 1997, up 54 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$35,737,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$56,922,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

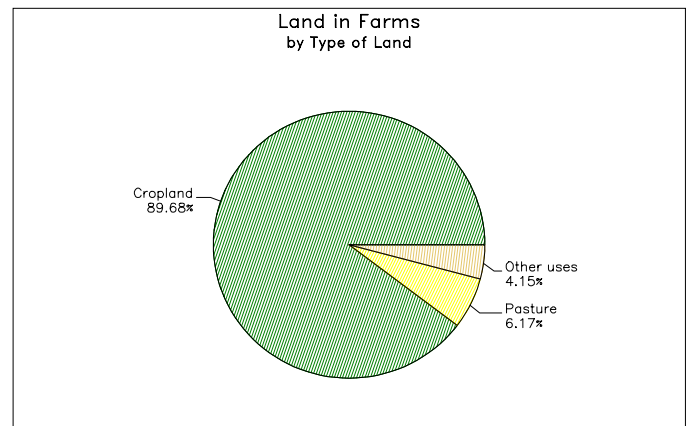
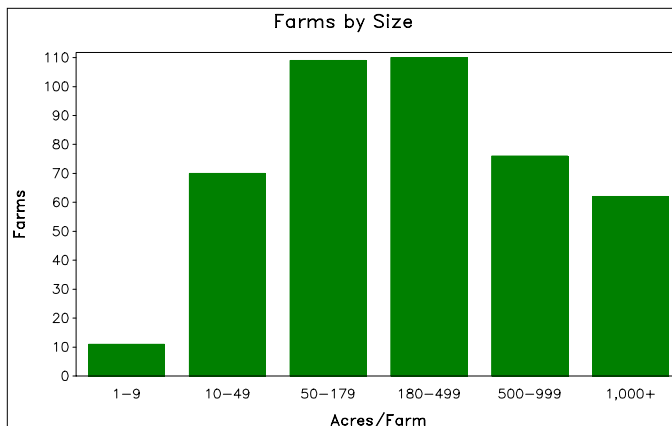
\$211,551 in 2002, \$147,547 in 1997, up 43 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,204,000 in 2002, \$2,460,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,952 in 2002, \$8,118 in 1997, up 23 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	92,659	44	93	587	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	35,737	43	93	730	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	56,922	42	93	478	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	32,712	42	91	442	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	51,609	40	93	141	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,925	22	73	1,045	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,096	42	91	602	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	237	6	89	370	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
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	42,494	58	93	713	3,059
Hogs and pigs	18,755	42	90	539	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,257	18	93	1,226	2,983
All Goats	962	1	89	497	2,971
Colonies of bees	(D)	15	50	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	76,522	45	93	312	2,592
Soybeans	71,967	34	84	409	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,507	50	93	1,224	3,059
Oats	3,499	3	85	129	2,215
Corn for silage	1,448	75	92	921	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	127
\$1,000 to \$2,499	8
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56
\$100,000 to \$249,999	74
\$250,000 to \$499,999	36
\$500,000 or more	32
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	83,028
Average per farm (\$)	189,561
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,767
Average per farm (\$)	33,716

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	313
Other	125
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	411
Female	27
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	518
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	40
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.