

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mercer, North Dakota

Number of farms

456 farms in 2002, 497 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

536,339 acres in 2002, 545,052 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

1,176 acres in 2002, 1,097 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,252,000 in 2002, \$22,953,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,015,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,237,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

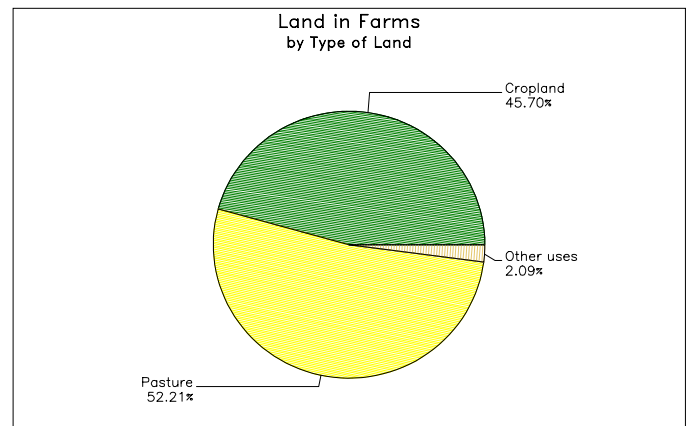
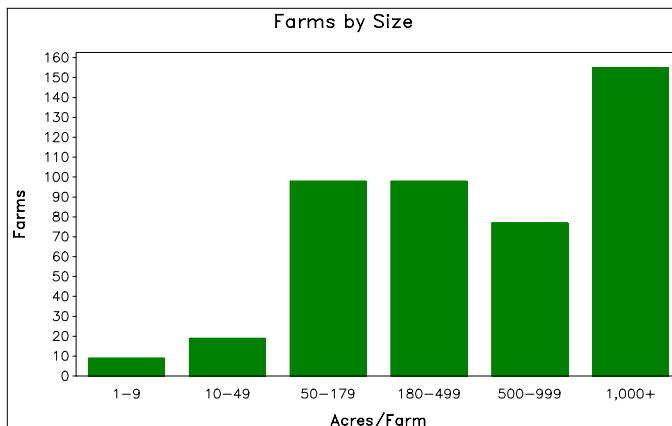
\$48,799 in 2002, \$46,183 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,710,000 in 2002, \$1,784,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,528 in 2002, \$5,594 in 1997, up 17 percent.



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Ranked items among the 53 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	22,252	48	53	1,998	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,015	44	53	1,649	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,237	28	53	1,703	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,961	43	53	1,031	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	36	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	19	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	24	48	2,193	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,830	18	53	866	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	49	33	53	1,284	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	136	14	53	1,487	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	59	38	52	1,089	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	41,422	15	53	733	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,307	26	53	791	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,123	15	53	1,124	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	560	10	50	1,808	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	385	9	38	1,213	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	72,076	12	53	114	3,059
All Wheat for grain	66,122	44	53	206	2,517
Barley	9,545	40	53	108	1,246
Sunflower seed	6,160	41	53	69	746
Oats	5,390	25	53	73	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	90	Farming	292
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	164
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64	Male	418
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	38
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	49	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	630
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,356	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	42,448	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,420	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	14,078	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.