

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Nelson, North Dakota

Number of farms

598 farms in 2002, 506 farms in 1997, up 18 percent.

Land in farms

531,591 acres in 2002, 541,245 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

889 acres in 2002, 1,070 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$41,198,000 in 2002, \$36,622,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,217,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,981,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

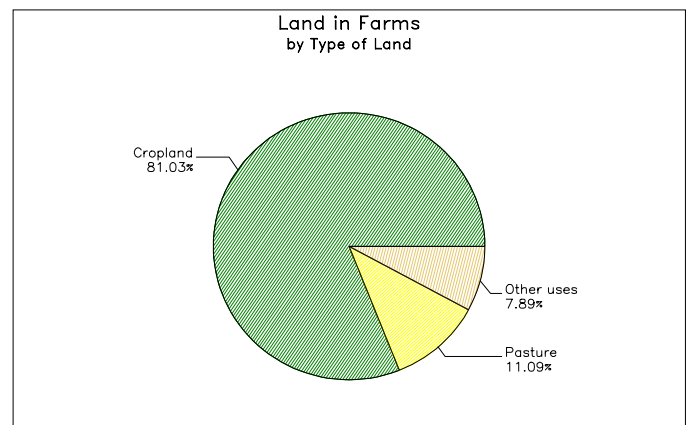
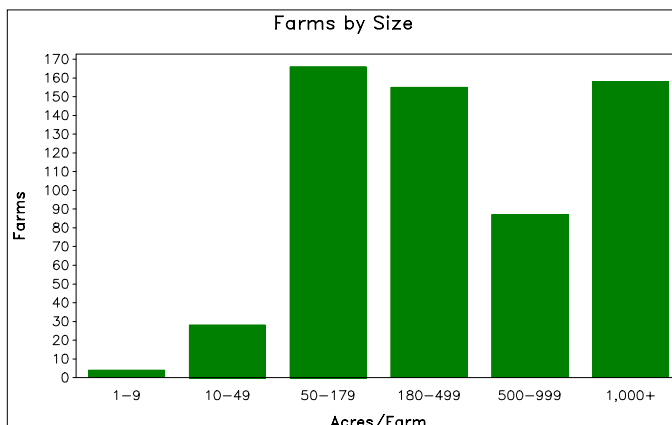
\$68,894 in 2002, \$72,375 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments

\$7,260,000 in 2002, \$5,430,000 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,420 in 2002, \$12,258 in 1997, up 9 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	41,198	34	53	1,398	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,217	27	53	766	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,981	40	53	2,136	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	33,475	26	53	429	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	230	10	48	1,182	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,393	46	53	1,821	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	31	42	53	1,609	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	27	44	53	2,653	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	4	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	417	21	52	332	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,208	46	53	1,954	3,059
Colonies of bees	4,500	13	34	124	2,392
Sheep and lambs	1,100	33	53	906	2,867
Horses and ponies	382	41	53	2,417	3,065
Hogs and pigs ³	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	110,122	31	53	116	2,517
Soybeans	44,856	13	47	591	2,076
Canola	26,833	14	49	14	165
Barley	26,764	18	53	39	1,246
Sunflower seed	25,407	19	53	22	746

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	313	Farming	379
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	219
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	24	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	516
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	82
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	84	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	724
\$500,000 or more	17	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,491	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	59,250	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,763	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	26,316	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.