

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Stark, North Dakota

### Number of farms

774 farms in 2002, 853 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

777,118 acres in 2002, 806,979 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,004 acres in 2002, 946 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$47,772,000 in 2002, \$45,875,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$21,628,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$26,144,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

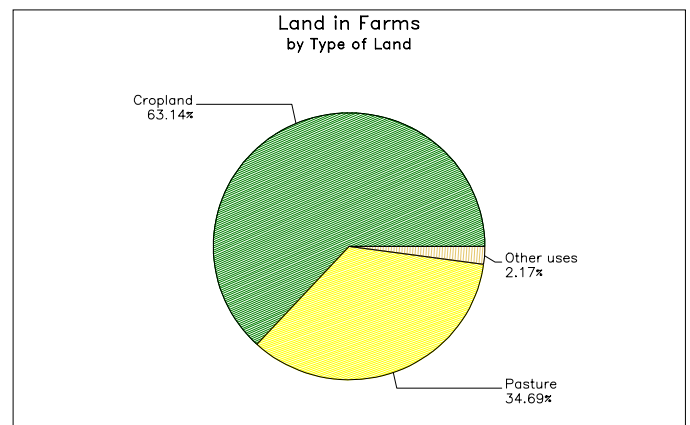
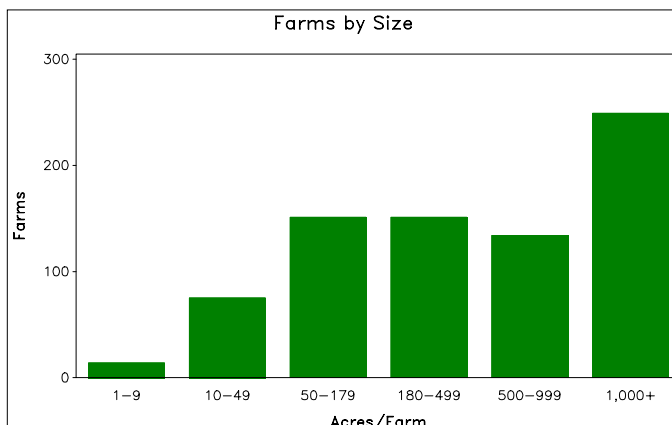
\$61,721 in 2002, \$53,780 in 1997, up 15 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,974,000 in 2002, \$4,510,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,791 in 2002, \$7,885 in 1997, up 24 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 53 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	47,772	26	53	1,226	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,628	35	53	1,110	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,144	7	53	1,050	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	19,312	35	53	693	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	-	-	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	1,771	11	53	736	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7	22	48	2,111	2,918
Cattle and calves	20,809	10	53	494	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,281	4	45	695	2,493
Hogs and pigs	85	27	51	1,513	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	112	17	53	742	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	252	5	53	893	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	598	13	52	227	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	56,302	10	53	469	3,059
Colonies of bees	8,232	6	34	58	2,392
Sheep and lambs	2,206	17	53	510	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,566	7	53	716	3,065
Quail <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	7	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	195,887	15	53	40	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	105,018	6	53	36	3,059
Oats	12,885	6	53	9	2,215
Barley	12,843	34	53	88	1,246
Sunflower seed	7,004	37	53	58	746

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	176	Farming	531
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	243
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	72	Male	719
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	55
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	107		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	93	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30	White	1,085
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	39,069	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	50,282	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,736	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	20,252	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.