

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Steele, North Dakota

Number of farms

318 farms in 2002, 305 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

401,035 acres in 2002, 424,121 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

1,261 acres in 2002, 1,391 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$52,199,000 in 2002, \$48,100,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$50,437,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,762,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

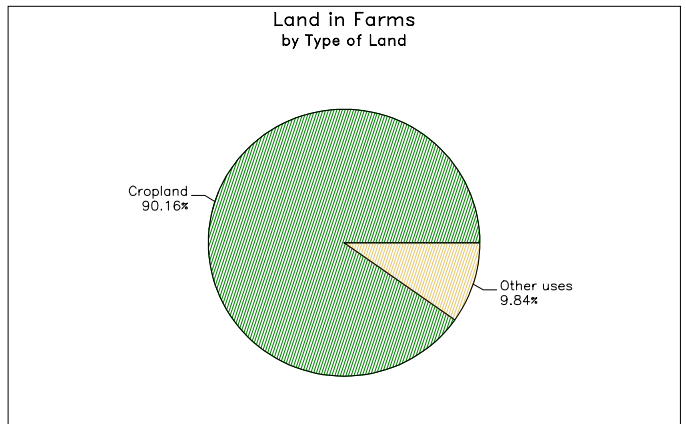
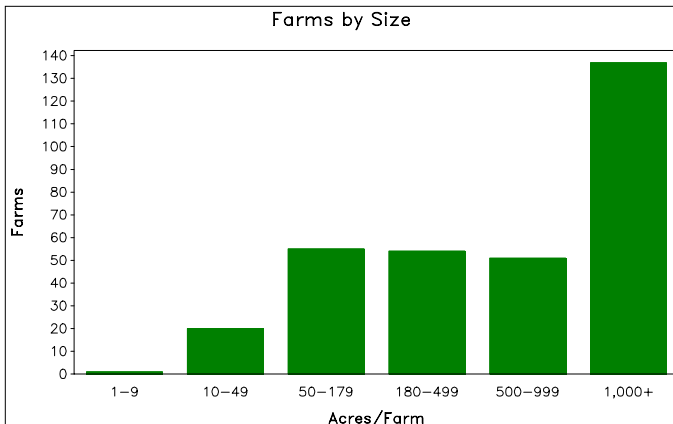
\$164,148 in 2002, \$157,704 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,757,000 in 2002, \$3,977,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,864 in 2002, \$15,296 in 1997, down 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	52,199	25	53	1,110	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	50,437	19	53	473	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,762	51	53	2,752	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	50,150	17	53	239	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	-	-	27	-	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	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,574	51	53	2,314	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	45	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	51	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	164	32	52	676	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,807	49	53	2,348	3,059
Colonies of bees	1,530	29	34	344	2,392
Sheep and lambs	699	42	53	1,212	2,867
Horses and ponies	37	53	53	3,025	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	49	50	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	110,128	30	53	115	2,517
Soybeans	101,755	9	47	242	2,076
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	47,403	5	45	7	571
Corn for grain	26,911	12	53	698	2,592
Barley	17,427	30	53	66	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	88	Farming	247
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2	Other	71
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Male	296
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	66	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51	White	412
\$500,000 or more	28	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	43,927	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	139,009	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,059	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	47,656	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.