

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Towner, North Dakota

### Number of farms

418 farms in 2002, 451 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Land in farms

548,774 acres in 2002, 580,779 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,313 acres in 2002, 1,288 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$44,821,000 in 2002, \$42,535,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$41,297,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,523,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

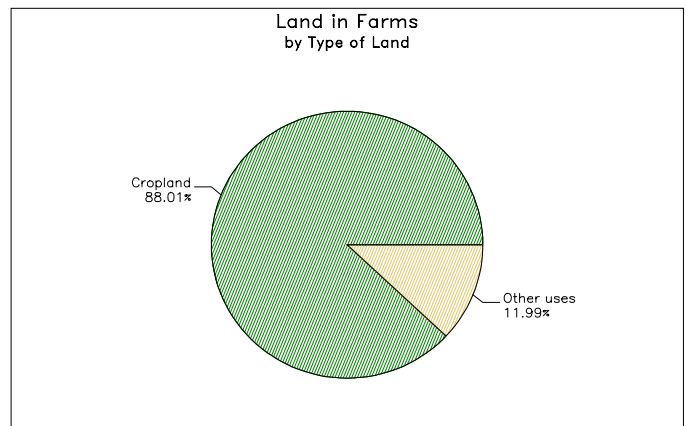
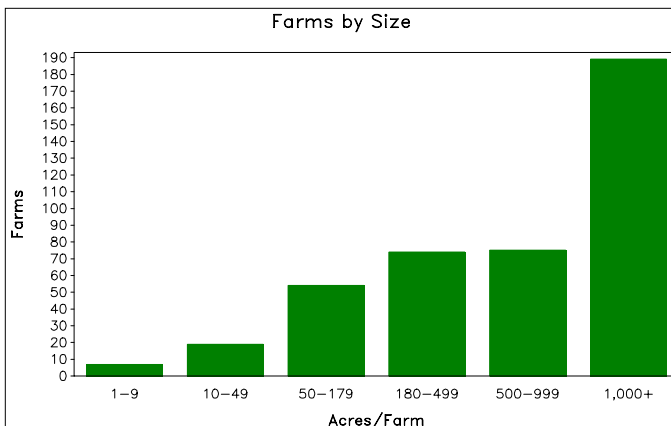
\$107,226 in 2002, \$94,312 in 1997, up 14 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,617,000 in 2002, \$5,059,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,235 in 2002, \$12,971 in 1997, up 25 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                               | 44,821   | 30         | 53                    | 1,290     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 41,297   | 22         | 53                    | 611       | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 3,523    | 49         | 53                    | 2,511     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 38,434   | 23         | 53                    | 364       | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 1,775    | 11         | 36                    | 560       | 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                      | -        | -          | 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   | 1,849    | 50         | 53                    | 2,220     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | -        | -          | 45                    | -         | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)      | (D)        | 51                    | (D)       | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 21       | 46         | 53                    | 1,881     | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 81       | 27         | 53                    | 1,955     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 4                     | -         | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 52                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 6,321    | 51         | 53                    | 2,391     | 3,059                 |
| Bison   | 2,677    | 2          | 51                    | 13        | 1,321                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 541      | 45         | 53                    | 1,403     | 2,867                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 480      | 34         | 53                    | 2,214     | 3,065                 |
| Elk   | (D)      | 14         | 30                    | (D)       | 783                   |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| All Wheat for grain   | 169,993  | 19         | 53                    | 54        | 2,517                 |
| Canola  | 74,235   | 5          | 49                    | 5         | 165                   |
| Barley  | 42,367   | 10         | 53                    | 23        | 1,246                 |
| Flaxseed  | 21,088   | 9          | 50                    | 9         | 117                   |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 20,004   | 43         | 53                    | 1,101     | 3,059                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 113      | Farming   | 309      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 3        | Other   | 109      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 13       |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 13       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 31       | Male  | 379      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 6        | Female  | 39       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 31       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 19       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 52.9     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 44       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 89       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 45       | White   | 579      |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 11       | Black or African American   | -        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 36,628   | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | -        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 88,049   | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | Asian   | -        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 18,219   | More than one race  | -        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 43,795   | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | -        |

(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.