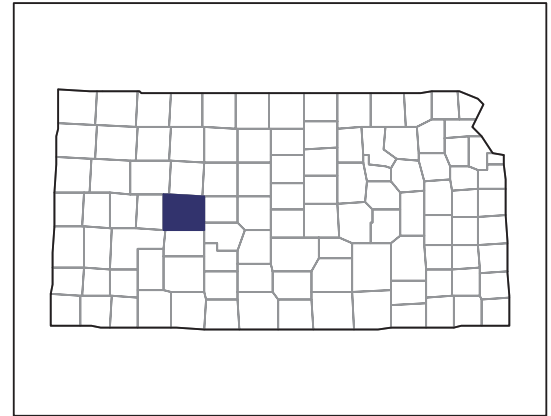


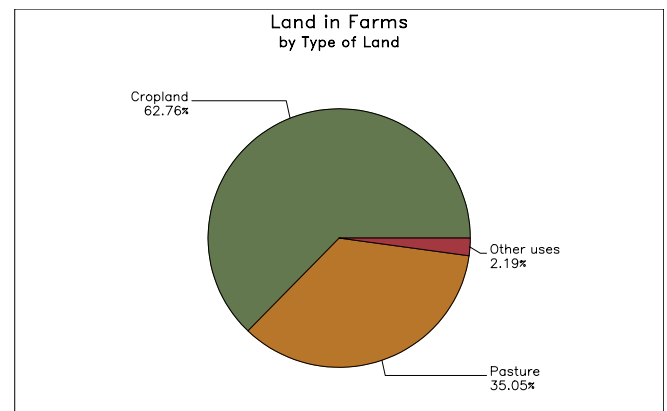
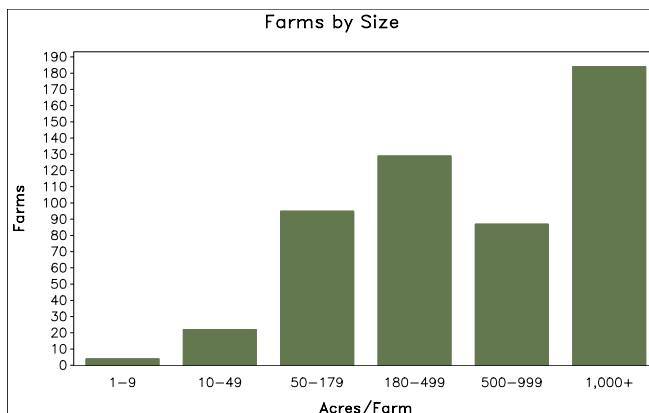
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Ness County Kansas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	521	547	- 5
Land in Farms	619,948 acres	655,469 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	1,190 acres	1,198 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$55,790,000	\$31,193,000	+ 79
Crop Sales \$37,636,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$18,154,000 (33 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$107,082	\$57,025	+ 88
Government Payments	\$7,662,000	\$3,622,000	+ 112
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,734	\$8,366	+ 88



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County Profile

Ness County – Kansas

Ranked items among the 105 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	55,790	76	105	1,456	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	37,636	58	105	1,074	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,154	87	105	1,591	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	58	105	735	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	19	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	72	-	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	56	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	74	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	29	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	91	105	1,835	3,054
Poultry and eggs	1	102	105	2,952	3,020
Cattle and calves	18,101	82	105	761	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	98	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	98	105	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	103	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	104	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	17	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	94	-	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	126,744	24	105	114	2,481
Sorghum for grain	40,577	27	104	44	1,158
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,230	78	105	1,307	3,060
Corn for grain	5,964	88	105	1,351	2,634
Sorghum for silage	2,313	18	101	41	1,151
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	33,126	82	105	958	3,060
Sheep and lambs	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,891
Horses and ponies	200	97	105	2,867	3,066
Hogs and pigs	(D)	90	105	(D)	2,958
Layers	69	99	105	2,923	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	195	Farming	254
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	267
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Male	452
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	69
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	62	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	46	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	28	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,415	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	71,813	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	760
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,456	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	54,619	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	9

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.