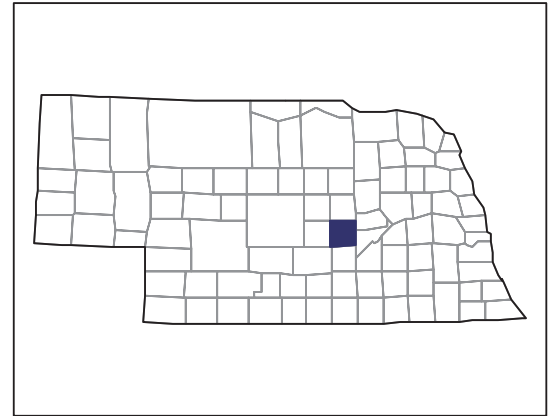


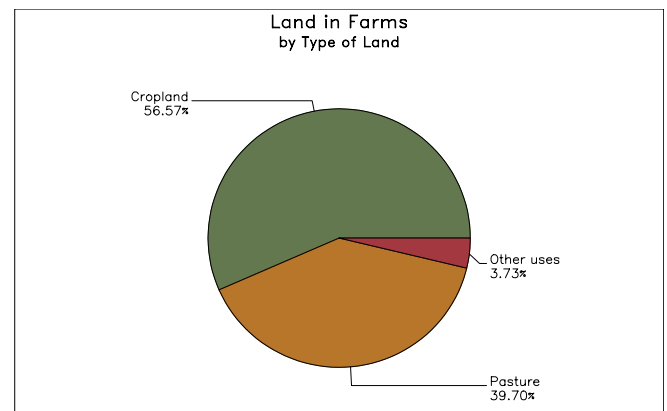
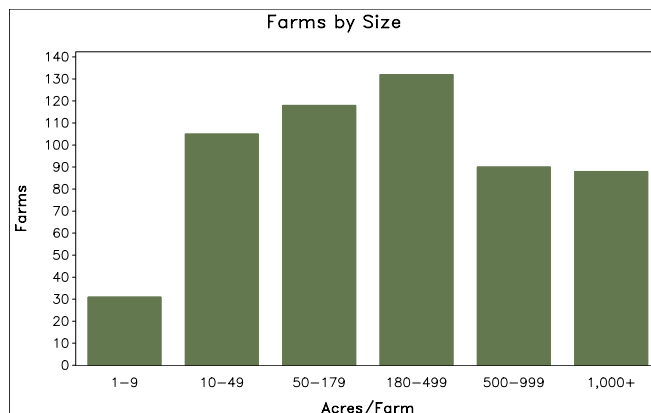
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## County Profile

### Howard County Nebraska



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	564	600	- 6
<b>Land in Farms</b>	278,876 acres	293,537 acres	- 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	494 acres	489 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$145,444,000	\$98,776,000	+ 47
Crop Sales \$54,323,000 (37 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$91,121,000 (63 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$257,879	\$164,627	+ 57
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,140,000	\$3,385,000	- 7
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,849	\$8,883	- 12



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### Howard County – Nebraska

#### Ranked items among the 93 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	145,444	43	93	563	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,323	59	93	788	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	91,121	35	93	447	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51,579	59	92	563	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	23	70	1,360	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	241	21	65	1,734	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,214	23	93	790	3,054
Poultry and eggs	200	25	93	1,260	3,020
Cattle and calves	87,191	30	93	118	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	671	37	80	1,496	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,540	49	92	705	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	74	37	90	1,353	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	36	60	93	2,398	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	25	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	410	13	79	437	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	90,755	42	92	327	2,634
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,662	30	93	933	3,060
Soybeans for beans	19,773	53	81	835	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	4,799	52	89	988	2,481
Corn for silage	1,217	50	91	895	2,263
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	83,123	23	93	209	3,060
Pheasants	(D)	1	48	(D)	1,544
Hogs and pigs	7,811	51	92	757	2,958
Colonies of bees	3,534	4	58	191	2,640
Layers	1,108	26	93	1,537	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	129	Farming	324
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	240
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Male	512
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Female	52
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	96	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	66	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	50	White	847
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	125,476	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	222,474	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,702		
Average per farm (\$)	45,570		

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.

<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.