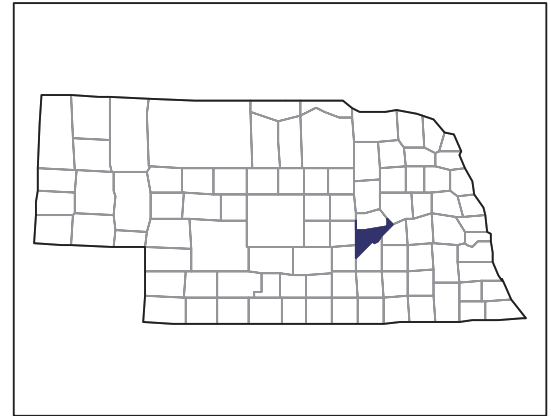


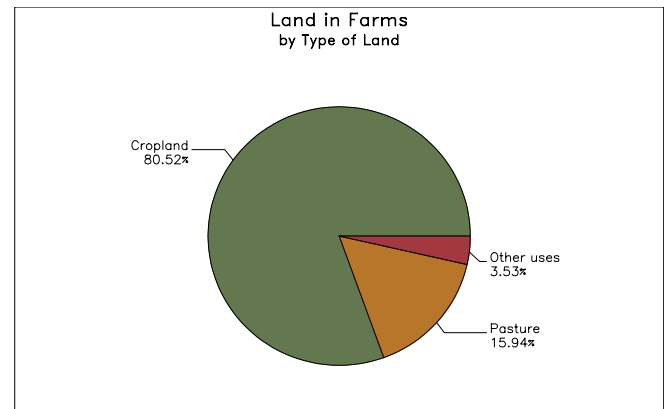
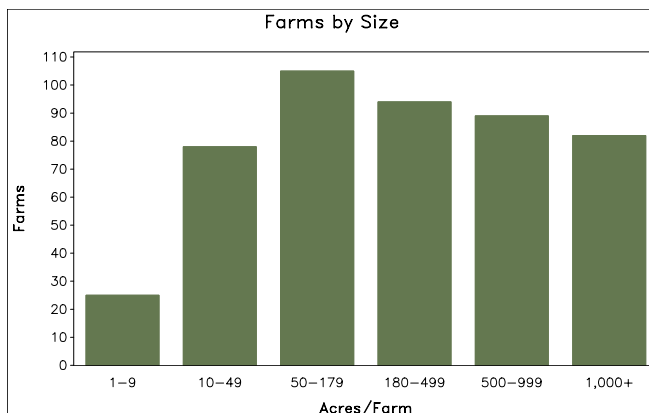
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## County Profile

### Merrick County Nebraska



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	473	513	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	247,927 acres	283,026 acres	- 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	524 acres	552 acres	- 5
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$198,000,000	\$112,587,000	+ 76
Crop Sales \$95,055,000 (48 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$102,945,000 (52 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$418,604	\$219,468	+ 91
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,811,000	\$3,498,000	+ 9
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,242	\$11,139	+ 1



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### Merrick 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	198,000	28	93	327	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	95,055	30	93	405	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	102,945	28	93	376	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	93,205	28	92	250	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	63	65	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2	20	31	1,449	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	12	63	93	2,403	3,020
Cattle and calves	84,536	33	93	124	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17,580	14	92	241	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	24	75	90	2,187	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	25	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	40	79	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	130,785	27	92	184	2,634
Soybeans for beans	39,007	42	81	610	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,097	61	93	1,534	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	6,053	47	89	911	2,481
Popcorn	2,773	7	44	14	281
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	59,187	45	93	436	3,060
Hogs and pigs	46,669	22	92	314	2,958
Horses and ponies	617	40	93	2,006	3,066
Layers	471	52	93	2,208	3,024
Sheep and lambs	329	67	88	1,734	2,891

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	65	Farming	312
\$1,000 to \$2,499	26	Other	161
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27	Male	441
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Female	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	60	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	84	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	71	White	705
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	158,038	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	334,118	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	48,279		
Average per farm (\$)	102,070		

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.