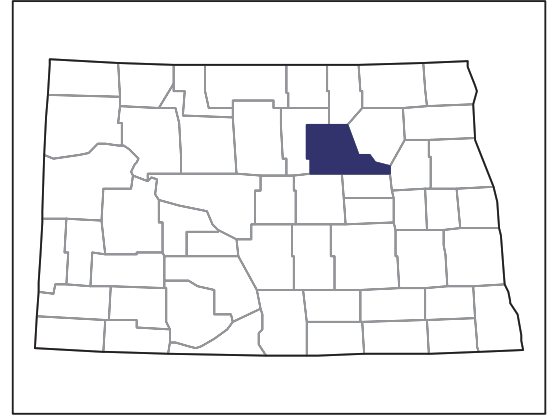


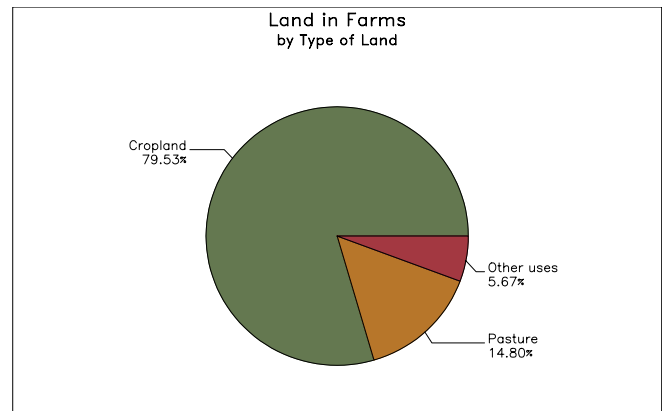
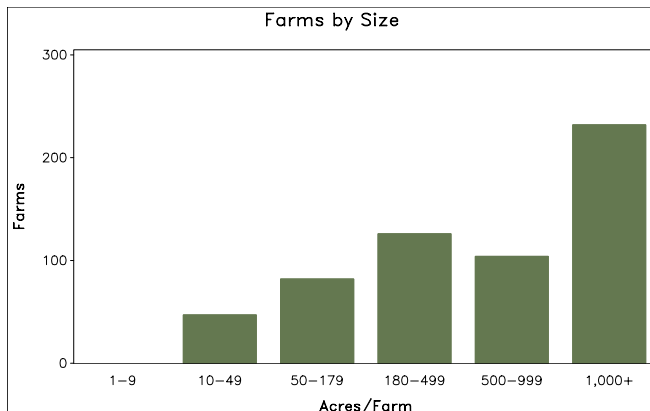
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County Profile

Benson County North Dakota



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	591	567	+ 4
Land in Farms	759,341 acres	732,870 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	1,285 acres	1,293 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$122,569,000	\$55,220,000	+ 122
Crop Sales \$108,039,000 (88 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$14,531,000 (12 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$207,393	\$97,389	+ 113
Government Payments	\$8,024,000	\$6,003,000	+ 34
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$16,081	\$13,310	+ 21



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County Profile

Benson County – North Dakota

Ranked items among the 53 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	122,569	20	53	717	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	108,039	18	53	331	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,531	31	53	1,769	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	103,707	18	53	192	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	10	34	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	3	25	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	23	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	5	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	39	53	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	18	17	51	2,197	3,020
Cattle and calves	13,494	28	53	968	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	439	27	46	1,658	2,493
Hogs and pigs	31	32	52	1,773	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	34	39	53	1,948	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	58	23	53	2,098	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	456	27	52	408	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	170,212	23	53	61	2,481
Soybeans for beans	74,410	14	42	328	2,039
Barley for grain	64,426	6	53	9	1,154
Corn for grain	50,819	15	53	581	2,634
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	41,202	6	45	8	425
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	29,224	28	53	1,058	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,124	14	53	1,229	3,066
Bison	7	7	46	48	1,543
Layers	575	9	50	2,061	3,024
Sheep and lambs	570	38	51	1,357	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	196	Farming	366
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	225
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Male	542
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Female	49
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	75	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	65	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	83	White	763
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	82,052	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	138,836	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	57,590		
Average per farm (\$)	97,445		

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.