

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wells, North Dakota

Number of farms

579 farms in 2002, 624 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

668,049 acres in 2002, 748,044 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

1,154 acres in 2002, 1,199 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$61,275,000 in 2002, \$61,781,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$50,822,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,453,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

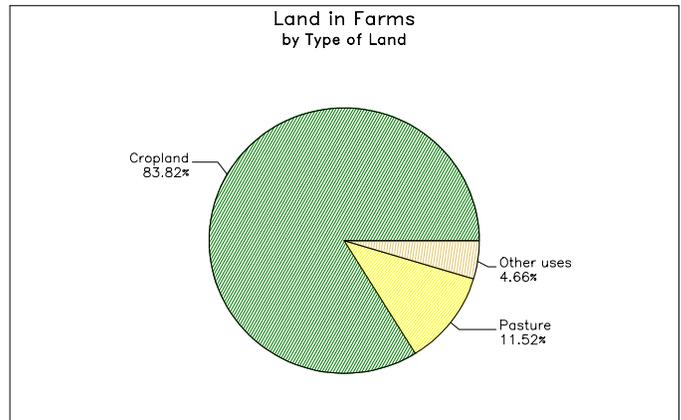
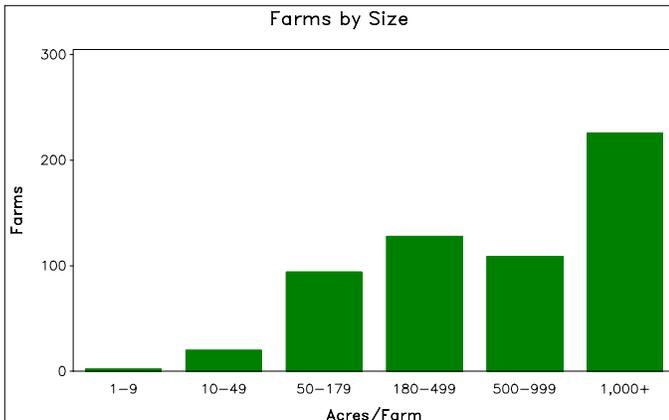
\$105,828 in 2002, \$99,008 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,081,000 in 2002, \$5,860,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,965 in 2002, \$11,312 in 1997, up 15 percent.



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Ranked items among the 53 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	61,275	19	53	938	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	50,822	17	53	468	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,453	34	53	1,845	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	50,371	16	53	236	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	36	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	27	-	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	4	25	48	2,247	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,495	31	53	1,030	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	453	28	45	1,698	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	37	51	2,093	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	34	41	53	1,545	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,305	32	53	1,225	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	18	34	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	590	27	53	1,971	3,065
Sheep and lambs	446	46	53	1,524	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	431	14	50	2,012	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	187,572	17	53	45	2,517
Sunflower seed	66,302	2	53	3	746
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	57,536	4	45	5	571
Barley	42,593	9	53	22	1,246
Soybeans	29,952	19	47	723	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	197	Farming	408
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	171
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47	Male	542
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	37
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	106	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	56	White	734
\$500,000 or more	25	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	55,389	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	95,829	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,200	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	26,297	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.