

# 2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

## North Dakota

### Number of farms

30,619 farms in 2002, 32,348 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

39,294,879 acres in 2002, 39,678,169 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,283 acres in 2002, 1,227 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$3,233,366,000 in 2002, \$2,908,049,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,460,372,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$772,994,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

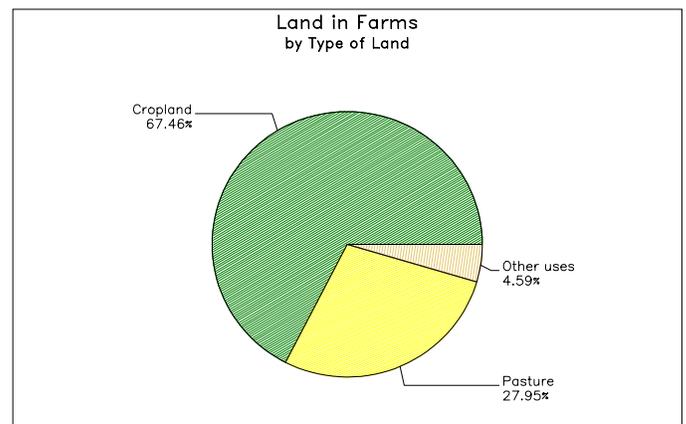
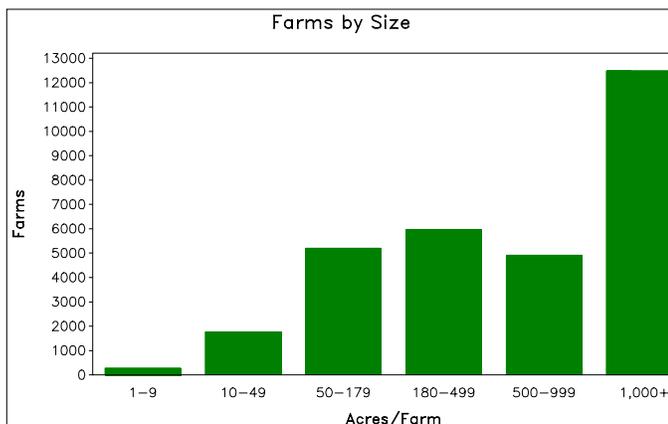
\$105,600 in 2002, \$89,899 in 1997, up 17 percent.

### Government Payments

\$293,067,000 in 2002, \$274,621,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,266 in 2002, \$10,784 in 1997, up 14 percent.



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**Ranked items within U.S., 2002**

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,233,366	24	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,460,372	10	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	772,994	36	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,083,788	7	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	133,894	17	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,025	48	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50
Other crops and hay	231,530	10	50
Poultry and eggs	22,365	38	50
Cattle and calves	625,070	16	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	65,450	35	50
Hogs and pigs	25,888	28	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	6,979	18	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	50
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	50
Other animals and other animal products	20,866	14	50
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	1,873,191	16	50
Turkeys	443,160	22	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	200,440	45	50
Colonies of bees	160,946	4	50
Hogs and pigs	138,838	28	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
All Wheat for grain	7,909,124	2	48
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,827,815	8	50
Soybeans	2,629,364	10	41
Barley	1,303,723	1	43
Sunflower seed	1,128,498	1	40

**Other State Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	8,634
\$1,000 to \$2,499	677
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,004
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,471
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,165
\$20,000 to \$24,999	915
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,965
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,108
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,851
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5,221
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2,381
\$500,000 or more	1,227
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,706,081
Average per farm (\$)	88,492
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,008,285
Average per farm (\$)	32,972

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	21,644
Other	8,975
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	28,125
Female	2,494
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	40,761
Black or African American	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	278
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	39
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	201

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.