

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Merrick, Nebraska

Number of farms

513 farms in 2002, 587 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

283,026 acres in 2002, 279,238 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

552 acres in 2002, 476 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$112,587,000 in 2002, \$164,529,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$54,865,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$57,722,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

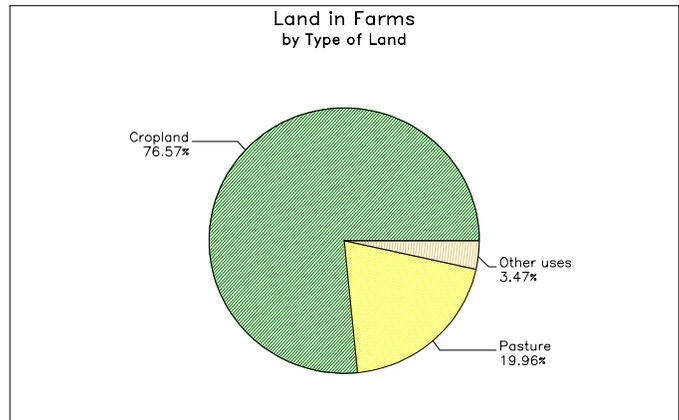
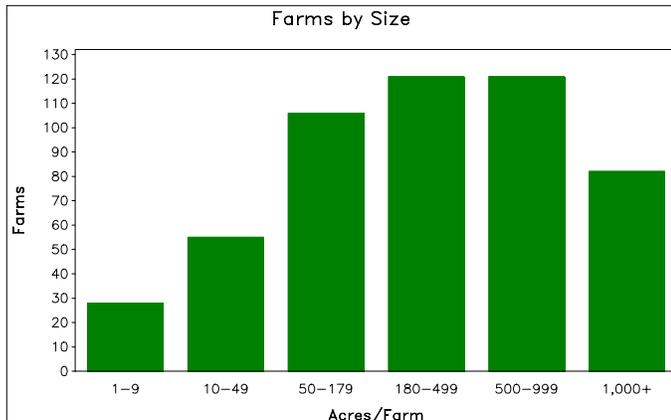
\$219,468 in 2002, \$280,287 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,498,000 in 2002, \$5,209,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,139 in 2002, \$12,612 in 1997, down 12 percent.



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Ranked items among the 93 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	112,587	34	93	417	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,865	24	93	423	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	57,722	40	93	463	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	52,959	22	91	209	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	68	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	49	91	2,169	2,918
Cattle and calves	50,853	42	93	146	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	820	33	73	1,447	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5,512	35	91	443	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	217	11	93	1,039	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	60,102	34	93	416	3,059
Hogs and pigs	21,387	38	90	503	2,926
Mink	(D)	1	2	(D)	117
Horses and ponies	771	21	93	1,613	3,065
Sheep and lambs	482	61	90	1,482	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	121,539	28	93	146	2,592
Soybeans	59,559	38	84	491	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,627	61	93	1,391	3,059
Corn for silage	2,630	65	92	627	2,307
Popcorn	2,517	12	57	29	412

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	48
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50
\$100,000 to \$249,999	124
\$250,000 to \$499,999	75
\$500,000 or more	28
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	102,176
Average per farm (\$)	197,632
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,249
Average per farm (\$)	25,626

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	395
Other	118
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	497
Female	16
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	741
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.