

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wheeler, Nebraska

Number of farms

194 farms in 2002, 194 farms in 1997, unchanged.

Land in farms

338,136 acres in 2002, 292,417 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Average size of farm

1,743 acres in 2002, 1,507 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$146,154,000 in 2002, \$126,807,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,311,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$134,843,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

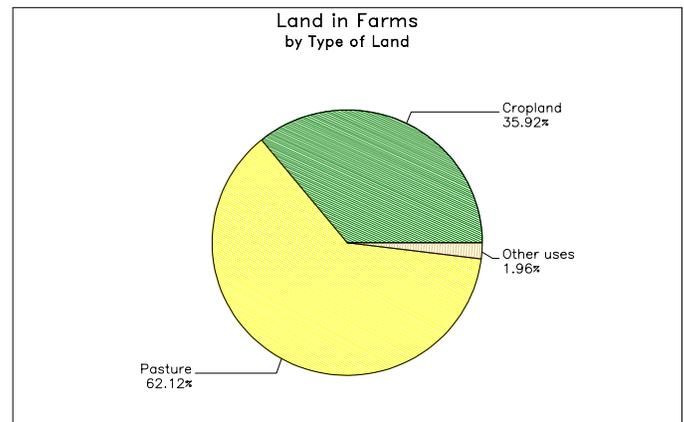
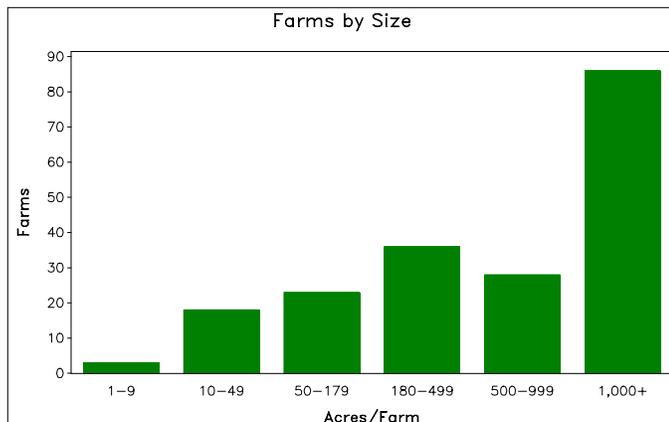
\$753,372 in 2002, \$653,646 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,960,000 in 2002, \$1,352,000 in 1997, up 45 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,195 in 2002, \$13,004 in 1997, up 32 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	146,154	23	93	260	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,311	75	93	1,569	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	134,843	8	93	119	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	10,611	73	91	981	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	-	-	40	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	68	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	114,061	8	93	51	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	691	40	73	1,517	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19,197	9	91	166	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	798	2	93	184	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	74	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	110,256	8	90	135	2,926
Cattle and calves	108,865	12	93	106	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	7	41	(D)	1,541
Horses and ponies	795	19	93	1,577	3,065
Sheep and lambs	696	47	90	1,220	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	39,952	18	93	485	3,059
Corn for grain	26,864	71	93	700	2,592
Soybeans	13,325	60	84	957	2,076
Corn for silage	2,763	60	92	605	2,307
Popcorn	(D)	35	57	(D)	412

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	21	Farming	147
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14	Male	176
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	18
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	50	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	308
\$500,000 or more	23	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	147,901	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	754,595	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,385	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	27,473	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.