

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Niobrara, Wyoming

Number of farms

243 farms in 2002, 281 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

1,599,730 acres in 2002, 1,645,080 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

6,583 acres in 2002, 5,854 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$34,877,000 in 2002, \$27,648,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,480,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$31,398,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

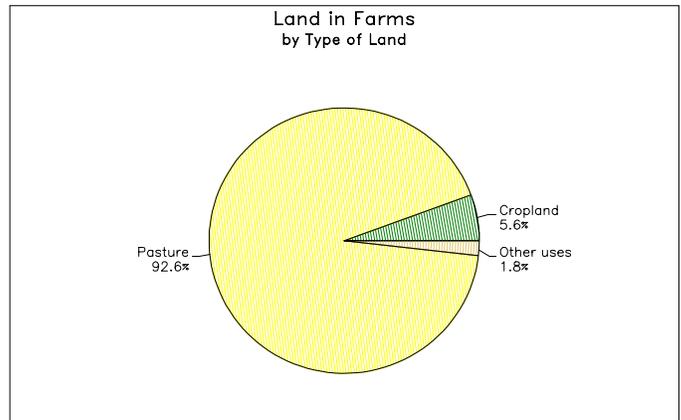
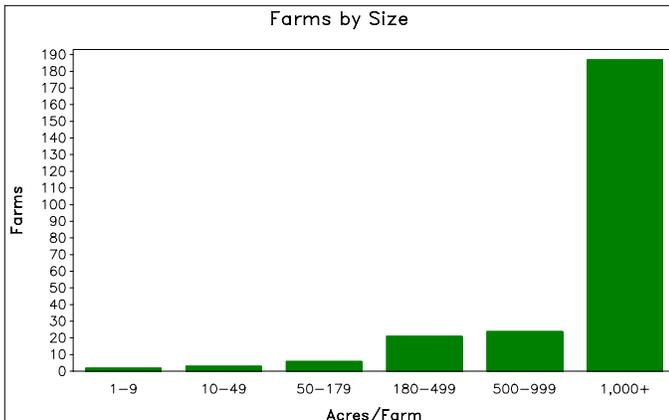
\$143,527 in 2002, \$98,390 in 1997, up 46 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,438,000 in 2002, \$1,116,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,831 in 2002, \$12,831 in 1997, up 8 percent.



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Ranked items among the 23 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	34,877	10	23	1,569	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,480	10	23	2,266	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	31,398	9	23	896	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	720	8	20	1,877	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	8	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	5	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	17	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	3	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,759	10	23	456	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	30,469	8	23	295	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	16	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	511	15	23	186	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	415	10	23	508	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	12	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	61,128	9	23	411	3,059
Sheep and lambs	7,106	17	23	163	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,569	20	23	712	3,065
Bison	(D)	5	18	(D)	1,321
Layers 20 weeks old and older	151	20	23	2,583	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,094	16	23	755	3,059
All Wheat for grain	3,674	4	16	1,044	2,517
Oats	1,597	3	18	328	2,215
Corn for silage	1,200	9	16	1,014	2,307
Corn for grain	(D)	8	11	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	27
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57
\$100,000 to \$249,999	45
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	15
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,507
Average per farm (\$)	117,313
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,461
Average per farm (\$)	34,818

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	211
Other	32
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	213
Female	30
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	397
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.