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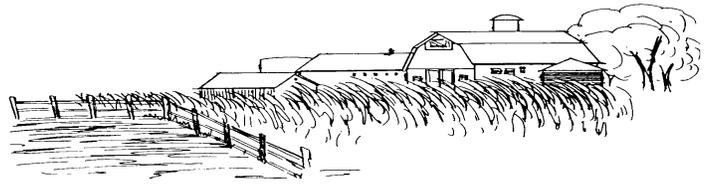
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## 2002 Census of Agriculture Data Available as County Profiles

Did you know that according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture, Sanpete County had more sheep and lambs than any other county in Utah? Only 11 other counties in the United States had more sheep and lambs than Sanpete.

Did you know that Box Elder County ranked first in the state for acres of safflower grown, and 6<sup>th</sup> among all counties in the nation?

County level agricultural information like this is now available for every county in Utah and nearly every county in the United States. Thanks to data collected and summarized by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), one can see how agriculture in any Utah county ranked both in the state and in the nation. The information can be found online by going to <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/> and clicking on the link to *Profiles: State and County*.

On June 3, the USDA released results from the 2002 Census of Agriculture, which included national, state, and county level information. The Census of Agriculture is conducted only once every five years and is the only time every agricultural producers in the nation is contacted. This means that much important county level data is only available from the Census, and that the most recently available data for many items can be found only in the 2002 results.

The recently released county profiles summarize that ocean of data into quick reference guides for each county. County profiles are customized and provide key data in simple maps, charts and tables which can be easily accessed on the world wide web and which will be valuable to local and county governments, state and federal agencies, farmers and ranchers, agricultural businesses, and many others. Among other things, each county profile includes county highlights, rankings, demographics, and indications of agricultural growth or decline. Each county profile is neatly organized and formatted as an easy-to-print two page document.

For more information about the Census or other NASS surveys visit <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>, call the Ag Statistics Hotline at 1-800-727-9540, or contact Rick Kestle, Director of the Utah Agricultural Statistics Office, at 1-800-747-8522.