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2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Pierce, Nebraska

Number of farms
697 farms in 2002, 761 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms
332,550 acres in 2002, 315,287 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Average size of farm
477 acres in 2002, 414 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production
$121,661,000 in 2002, $108,975,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $45,272,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $76,389,000 of the total value in 2002.
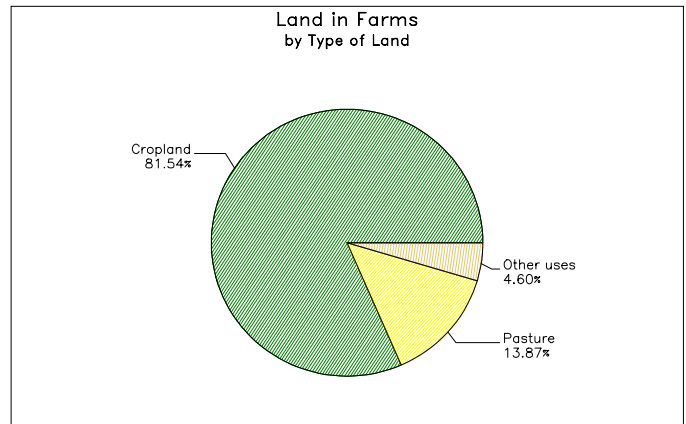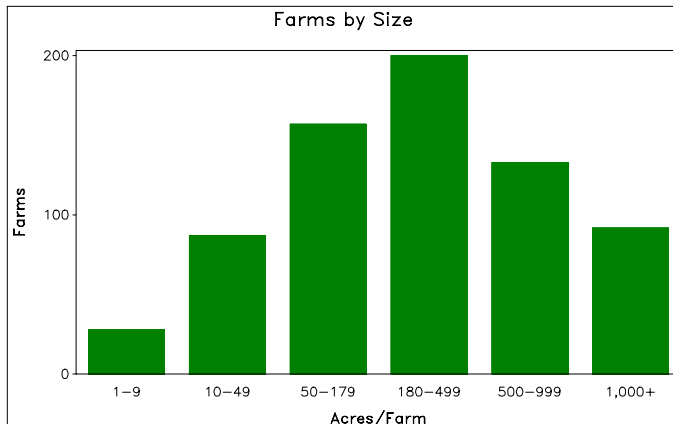
Market Value of Production, average per farm
$174,550 in 2002, $143,199 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Government Payments
$3,913,000 in 2002, $4,174,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$8,934 in 2002, $7,875 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Farms by Size

Farms / Acres/Farm

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 81.54%
Other uses 4.60%
Pasture 13.87%

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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	121,661	30	93	364	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,272	34	93	535	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	76,389	25	93	309	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	43,141	32	91	308	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	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,976	37	93	649	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	55,023	34	93	131	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14,742	13	91	204	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	73	39	93	2,058	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	24	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	275	15	74	467	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	72,823	26	93	281	3,059
Hogs and pigs	58,573	17	90	253	2,926
Colonies of bees	3,841	2	50	152	2,392
Sheep and lambs	2,496	7	90	446	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,650	15	93	1,081	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	121,663	27	93	145	2,592
Soybeans	93,169	21	84	291	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,443	28	93	873	3,059
Corn for silage	7,273	16	92	239	2,307
Oats	1,182	11	85	444	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity		Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales			Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than $1,000	90		Farming	522
$1,000 to $2,499	27		Other	175
$2,500 to $4,999	25			
$5,000 to $9,999	29		Principal operators by sex:	
$10,000 to $19,999	73		Male	668
$20,000 to $24,999	22		Female	29
$25,000 to $39,999	50			
$40,000 to $49,999	39		Average age of principal operator (years)	52.5
$50,000 to $99,999	102			
$100,000 to $249,999	128		All operators [2] by race:	
$250,000 to $499,999	62		White	1,000
$500,000 or more	50		Black or African American	-
			American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	109,228		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Average per farm ($)	156,711		Asian	-
			More than one race	-
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	20,821			
Average per farm ($)	29,872		All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.