

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Ness, Kansas

Number of farms

547 farms in 2002, 530 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

655,469 acres in 2002, 641,736 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

1,198 acres in 2002, 1,211 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$31,193,000 in 2002, \$35,330,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$15,691,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,502,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

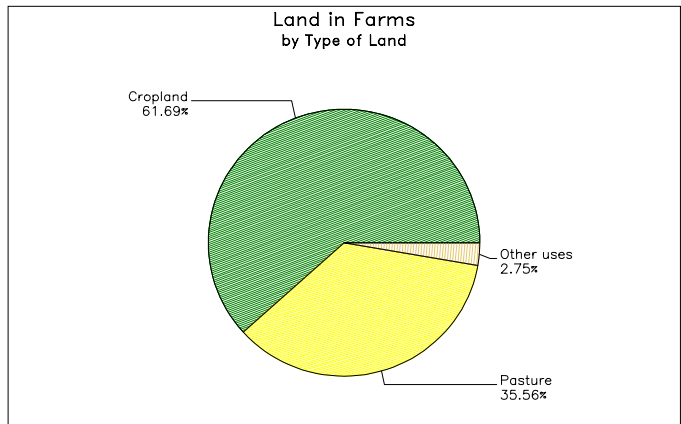
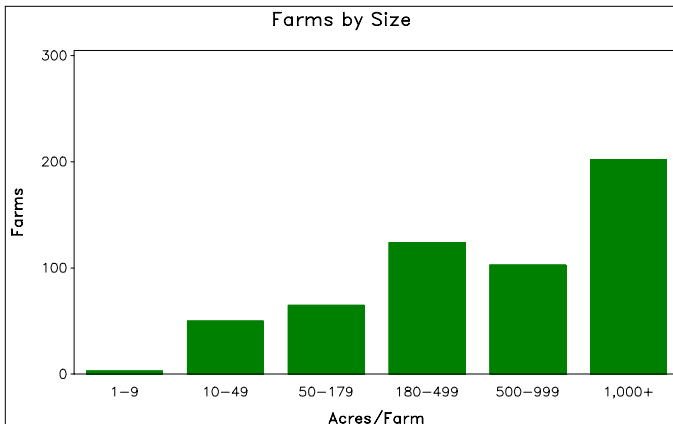
\$57,025 in 2002, \$66,661 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,622,000 in 2002, \$4,055,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,366 in 2002, \$9,409 in 1997, down 11 percent.



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

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Ranked items among the 105 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	31,193	86	105	1,666	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,691	65	105	1,346	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,502	89	105	1,521	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	14,761	61	105	830	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	28	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	52	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	77	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	40	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	105	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,411	83	105	683	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	99	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	105	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	48	33	105	1,294	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	29	72	105	2,616	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	22	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	36,531	77	105	861	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,210	17	103	841	2,867
Horses and ponies	243	93	105	2,733	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	235	69	105	2,386	2,983
Hogs and pigs	175	89	105	2,096	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	132,858	11	105	79	2,517
Sorghum for grain	38,222	29	105	48	1,307
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,851	62	105	938	3,059
Corn for grain	4,296	89	105	1,337	2,592
Sorghum for silage	1,862	24	101	50	1,387

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	134	Farming	348
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	199
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Male	515
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Female	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	80		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	81	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	White	748
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,661	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	50,753	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,177	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	13,168	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.