



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Butte, California



Number of farms

2,128 farms in 2002, 2,312 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

381,532 acres in 2002, 429,484 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

179 acres in 2002, 186 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$251,970,000 in 2002, \$296,076,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$241,957,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,013,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

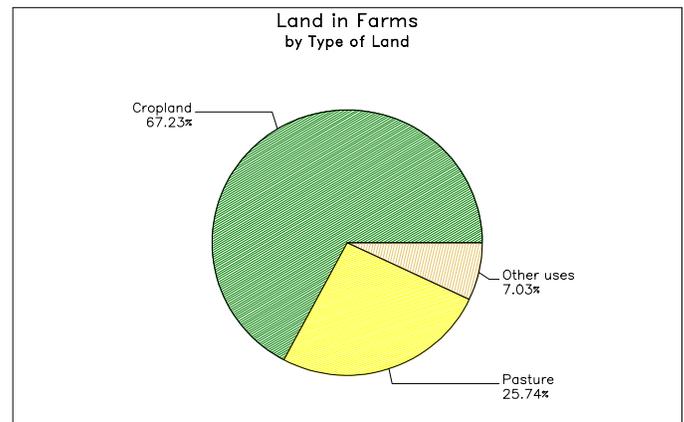
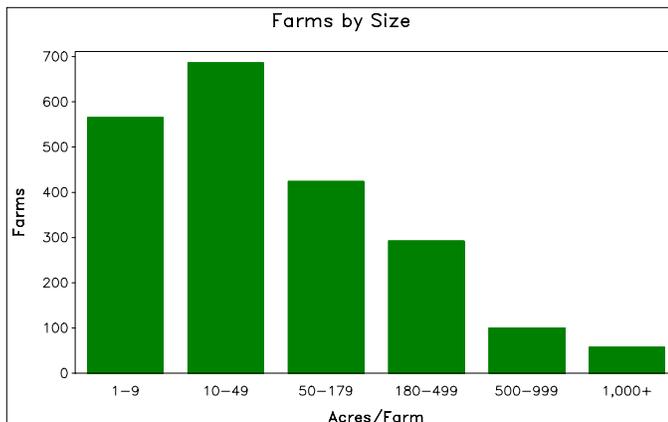
\$118,407 in 2002, \$128,060 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$9,411,000 in 2002, \$5,662,000 in 1997, up 66 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$35,381 in 2002, \$22,118 in 1997, up 60 percent.



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Ranked items among the 58 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	251,970	23	58	102	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	241,957	23	58	39	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,013	35	58	1,884	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	62,712	4	48	149	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	17	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,718	35	56	457	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	167,297	16	55	20	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,724	32	55	333	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,243	32	57	1,043	3,046
Poultry and eggs	707	23	56	1,011	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,166	39	57	1,672	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,354	30	47	948	2,493
Hogs and pigs	258	10	53	1,188	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	220	32	56	409	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	244	34	56	928	3,014
Aquaculture	1,499	11	51	128	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	563	24	54	244	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Quail	(D)	3	32	(D)	1,412
Pheasants	31,086	2	41	11	1,541
Cattle and calves	19,431	36	57	1,492	3,059
Colonies of bees	14,906	14	54	24	2,392
Sheep and lambs	4,224	27	57	263	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Rice	94,421	3	16	7	150
Almonds	56,556	6	41	6	72
English Walnuts	32,619	3	49	3	213
Plums and Prunes	11,557	5	50	5	1,207
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,547	37	57	2,366	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	417	Farming	1,337
\$1,000 to \$2,499	173	Other	791
\$2,500 to \$4,999	185	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	222	Male	1,830
\$10,000 to \$19,999	197	Female	298
\$20,000 to \$24,999	52	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	138	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	58	White	3,006
\$50,000 to \$99,999	209	Black or African American	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	253	American Indian or Alaska Native	50
\$250,000 to \$499,999	119	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	105	Asian	122
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	223,905	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	105,516	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	229
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	57,130		
Average per farm (\$)	26,923		

(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.