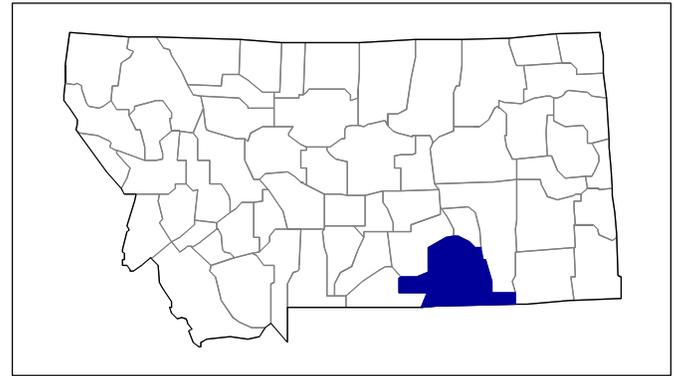




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Big Horn, Montana

### Number of farms

584 farms in 2002, 586 farms in 1997, down slightly.

### Land in farms

2,811,337 acres in 2002, 2,715,199 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

4,814 acres in 2002, 4,633 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$66,236,000 in 2002, \$60,744,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,830,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$48,407,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

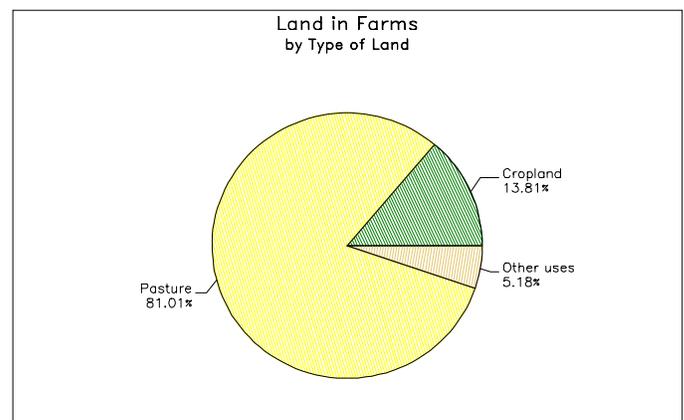
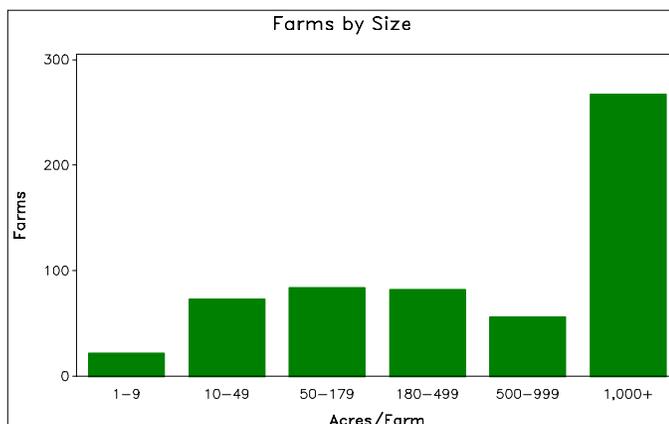
\$113,419 in 2002, \$103,659 in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,169,000 in 2002, \$2,704,000 in 1997, up 54 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,127 in 2002, \$12,635 in 1997, up 43 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 56 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	66,236	6	56	865	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,830	20	56	1,256	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	48,407	3	56	576	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,726	21	55	1,007	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	46,924	3	56	166	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	243	18	56	932	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	233	25	52	537	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	87,736	4	56	185	3,059
Horses and ponies	4,081	5	56	98	3,065
Bison	2,149	2	46	20	1,321
Hogs and pigs <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,926
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	85,192	19	54	157	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	59,136	13	56	196	3,059
Barley	12,641	18	55	89	1,246
Sugarbeets for sugar	7,519	3	12	43	158
Corn for silage	3,158	7	29	544	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	125	Farming	392
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	192
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	515
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Female	69
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	White	637
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	98	American Indian or Alaska Native	217
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	28	Asian	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,047	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	100,762	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,492		
Average per farm (\$)	23,024		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.