

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Flathead, Montana

Number of farms

1,075 farms in 2002, 1,102 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

234,861 acres in 2002, 237,781 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

218 acres in 2002, 216 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,513,000 in 2002, \$28,329,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,372,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,141,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

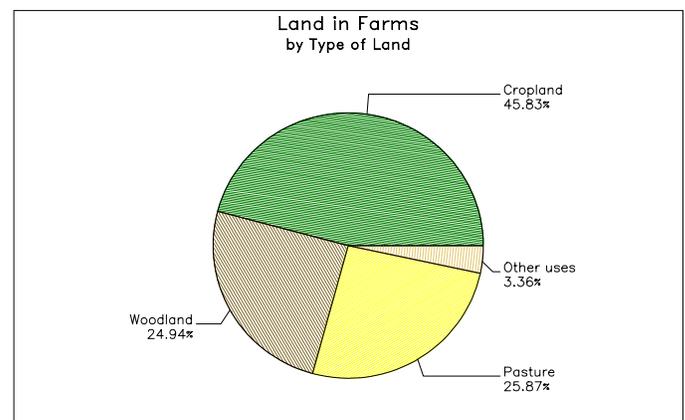
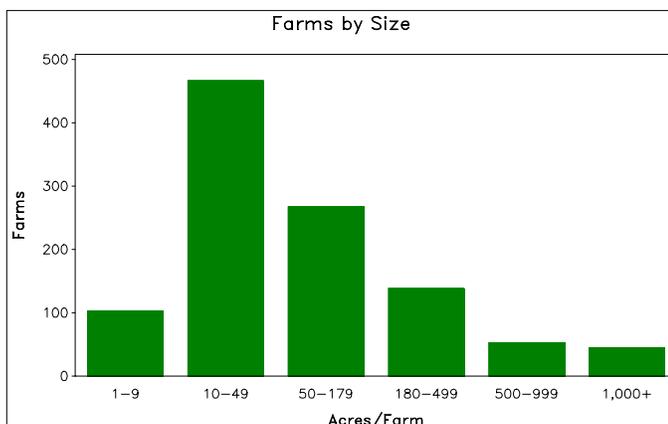
\$28,384 in 2002, \$25,707 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$508,000 in 2002, \$796,000 in 1997, down 36 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,364 in 2002, \$3,961 in 1997, down 15 percent.



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

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Ranked items among the 56 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	30,513	27	56	1,685	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,372	16	56	1,194	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,141	39	56	1,790	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,209	23	55	1,155	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,081	5	41	733	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	312	3	22	710	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,996	1	41	409	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	187	2	8	290	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,588	9	56	227	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,889	49	56	1,397	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,986	4	46	1,029	2,493
Hogs and pigs	636	13	53	983	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	479	8	56	409	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,687	1	52	55	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,831	48	56	1,751	3,059
Horses and ponies	3,432	7	56	149	3,065
Hogs and pigs	3,344	16	52	996	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,876	17	54	1,040	2,983
Llamas	891	1	52	14	2,112
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	38,968	32	56	504	3,059
All Wheat for grain	23,874	30	54	413	2,517
Barley	12,492	19	55	90	1,246
Mint for oil	(D)	1	4	(D)	87
Cut Christmas trees	913	2	8	100	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	403	Farming	548
\$1,000 to \$2,499	163	Other	527
\$2,500 to \$4,999	92		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	110	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	104	Male	904
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	171
\$25,000 to \$39,999	49		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	47	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	1,566
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,885	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
Average per farm (\$)	25,988	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,106	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	3,827	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	28

(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.