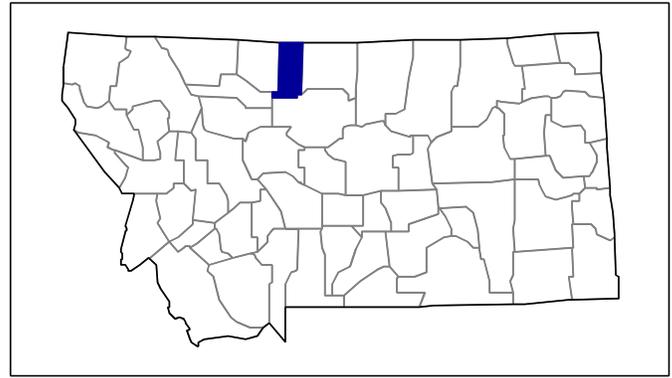




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Number of farms

297 farms in 2002, 303 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

905,171 acres in 2002, 932,582 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

3,048 acres in 2002, 3,078 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$25,901,000 in 2002, \$39,453,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,308,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,593,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

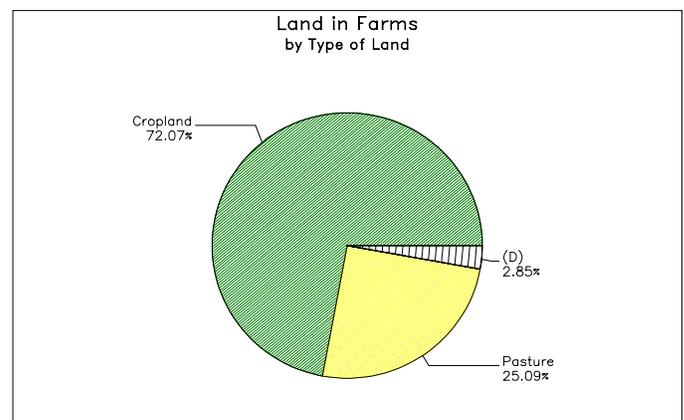
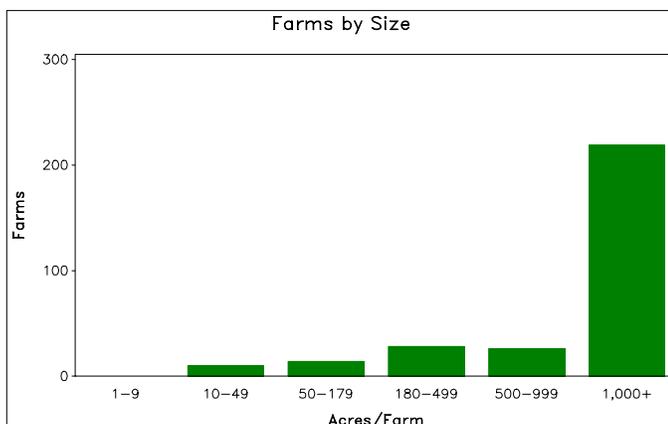
\$87,209 in 2002, \$130,208 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Government Payments

\$8,421,000 in 2002, \$5,978,000 in 1997, up 41 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$31,658 in 2002, \$22,391 in 1997, up 41 percent.



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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	25,901	34	56	1,858	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,308	22	56	1,284	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,593	44	56	1,990	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,151	13	55	780	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	41	-	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	391	5	52	1,096	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,854	50	56	1,541	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,272	10	46	1,245	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,006	5	53	713	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	56	56	2,926	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	27,426	6	54	611	2,983
Hogs and pigs	15,364	4	52	598	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	13,903	3	47	639	2,599
Cattle and calves	13,026	51	56	1,850	3,059
Ducks	2,400	1	50	60	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	251,636	7	54	23	2,517
Barley	22,357	10	55	52	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,943	49	56	1,250	3,059
Oats	(D)	36	55	(D)	2,215
Lentils	(D)	12	18	(D)	48

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	82	Farming	269
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2	Other	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Male	268
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	480
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,342	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	108,897	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,964	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	9,980	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.