

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Montana

Number of farms

27,870 farms in 2002, 27,632 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

59,612,403 acres in 2002, 58,445,339 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

2,139 acres in 2002, 2,115 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,882,114,000 in 2002, \$1,921,771,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$733,324,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,148,791,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

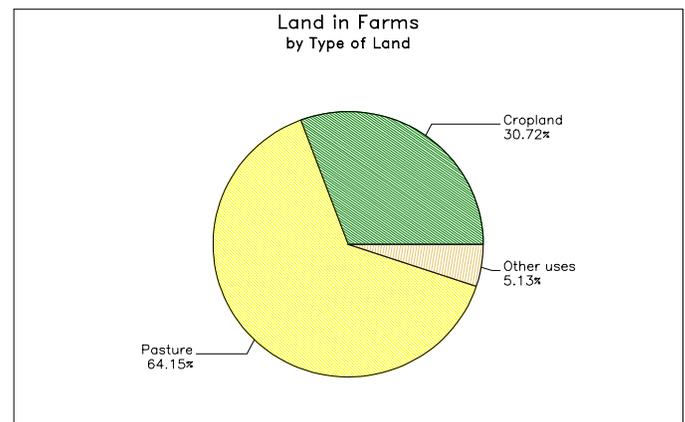
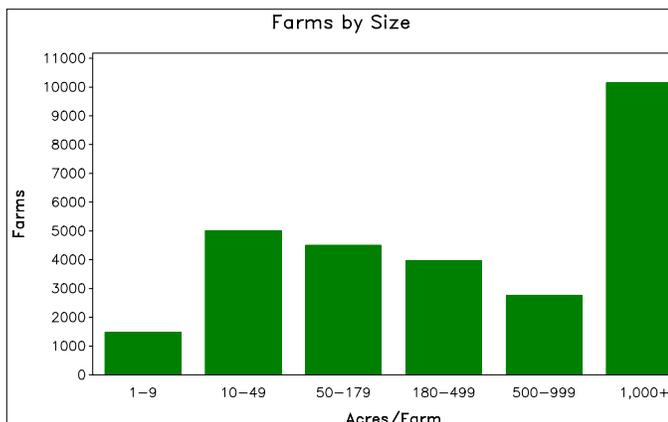
\$67,532 in 2002, \$69,549 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$210,749,000 in 2002, \$185,547,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,011 in 2002, \$14,349 in 1997, up 19 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,882,114	32	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	733,324	31	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,148,791	29	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	507,090	18	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	28,027	36	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,771	40	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	33,832	42	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	623	39	50
Other crops and hay	157,980	16	50
Poultry and eggs	5,243	46	50
Cattle and calves	1,015,169	11	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	41,842	43	50
Hogs and pigs	26,531	27	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	21,210	8	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	12,870	27	50
Aquaculture	4,185	27	50
Other animals and other animal products	21,740	11	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Cattle and calves	2,396,764	11	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	349,040	42	50
Sheep and lambs	305,753	7	50
Hogs and pigs	172,951	25	50
Colonies of bees	108,617	6	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
All Wheat for grain	4,876,699	3	48
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,590,090	9	50
Barley	902,163	2	43
Sugarbeets for sugar	56,027	5	14
Corn for silage	50,094	27	49

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	7,968
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2,149
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,776
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,162
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,271
\$20,000 to \$24,999	772
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,780
\$40,000 to \$49,999	938
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,027
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3,399
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,108
\$500,000 or more	520
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,862,305
Average per farm (\$)	66,814
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	350,334
Average per farm (\$)	12,569

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	17,710
Other	10,160
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	24,203
Female	3,667
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	40,669
Black or African American	9
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,259
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
Asian	38
More than one race	140
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	480

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.