

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

618 farms in 2002, 590 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

Land in farms

91,304 acres in 2002, 97,500 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

148 acres in 2002, 165 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$49,869,000 in 2002, \$59,578,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$36,388,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,481,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

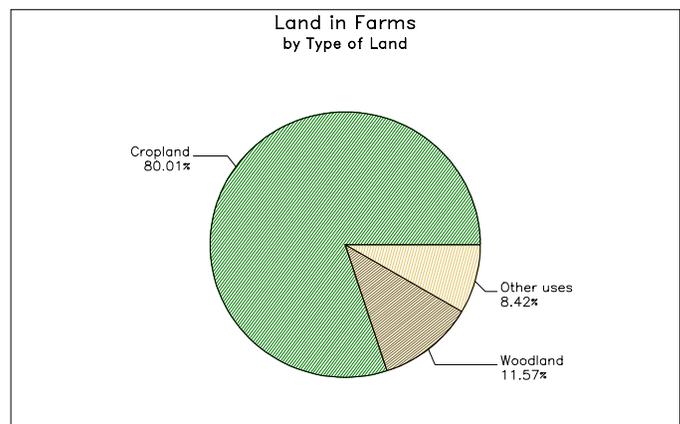
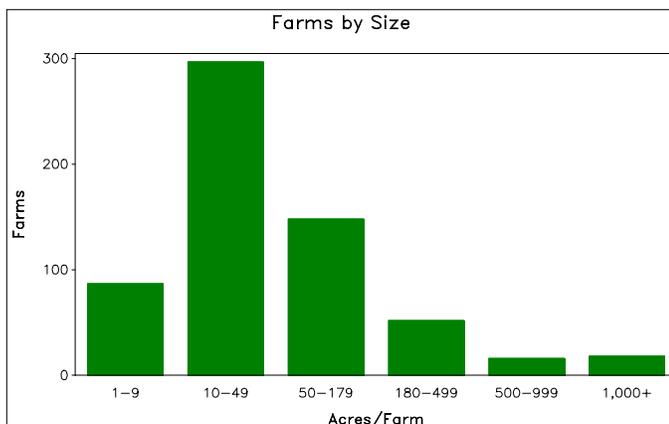
\$80,694 in 2002, \$100,979 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,294,000 in 2002, \$599,000 in 1997, up 116 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,186 in 2002, \$4,309 in 1997, up 136 percent.



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

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Ranked items among the 67 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	49,869	25	67	1,174	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,388	9	67	714	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,481	39	66	1,636	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,332	5	65	1,060	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,510	8	66	217	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	21,386	7	66	129	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,944	19	66	664	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,066	53	66	2,522	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,267	54	65	795	2,493
Hogs and pigs	496	29	66	1,043	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	33	46	66	1,554	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	553	8	65	329	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	23	54	66	1,458	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	13	61	(D)	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	27	67	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,650	58	66	2,650	3,059
Hogs and pigs	2,896	30	65	1,035	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,755	27	64	781	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	25,967	6	66	714	2,592
Soybeans	16,908	5	58	894	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,870	55	66	1,693	3,059
All Wheat for grain	7,445	7	60	755	2,517
Oats	1,489	31	64	365	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	233
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44
\$5,000 to \$9,999	78
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,001
Average per farm (\$)	74,555
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,258
Average per farm (\$)	11,763

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	341
Other	277
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	538
Female	80
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	905
Black or African American	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	9
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.