

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Montgomery, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

729 farms in 2002, 653 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

Land in farms

48,327 acres in 2002, 48,156 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

66 acres in 2002, 74 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$35,435,000 in 2002, \$36,135,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$25,324,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,111,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

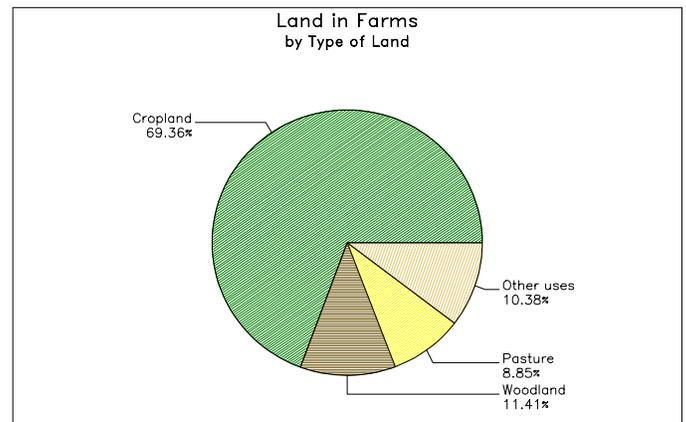
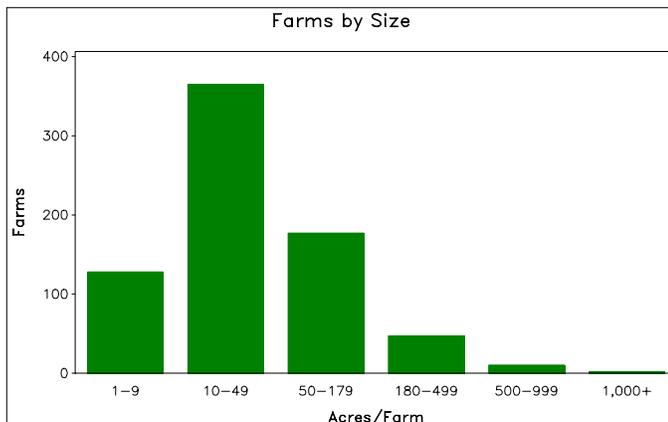
\$48,608 in 2002, \$55,337 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$443,000 in 2002, \$218,000 in 1997, up 103 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,927 in 2002, \$1,804 in 1997, up 173 percent.



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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	35,435	34	67	1,550	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	25,324	13	67	991	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,111	46	66	1,878	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,268	40	65	1,716	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,487	18	67	482	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,061	17	66	339	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	19,594	9	66	139	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	95	47	66	453	1,774
Other crops and hay	818	48	66	1,450	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,165	27	66	930	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,031	43	66	2,158	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,141	49	65	613	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,006	25	66	875	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	89	29	66	880	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	583	7	65	308	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	20	67	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	7,136	52	66	2,318	3,059
Hogs and pigs	4,795	27	65	904	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,034	20	64	706	2,599
Quail	(D)	13	51	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,255	54	66	1,657	3,059
Corn for grain	5,578	41	66	1,234	2,592
Soybeans	2,890	31	58	1,304	2,076
Corn for silage	2,385	46	65	670	2,307
All Wheat for grain	1,609	29	60	1,370	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	257
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90
\$2,500 to \$4,999	93
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,237
Average per farm (\$)	45,780
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,028
Average per farm (\$)	6,925

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	379
Other	350
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	618
Female	111
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,059
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.