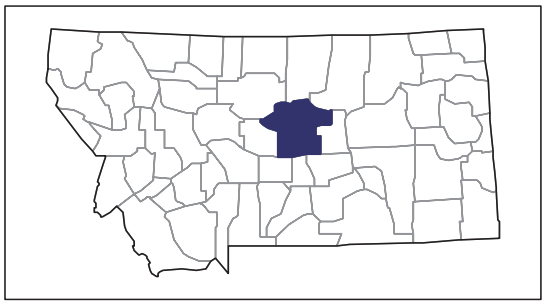
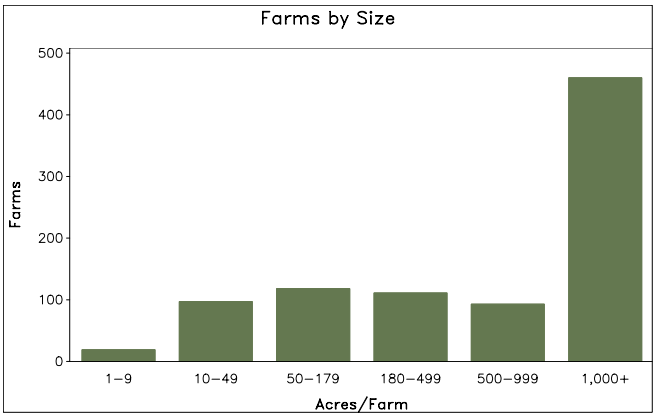
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

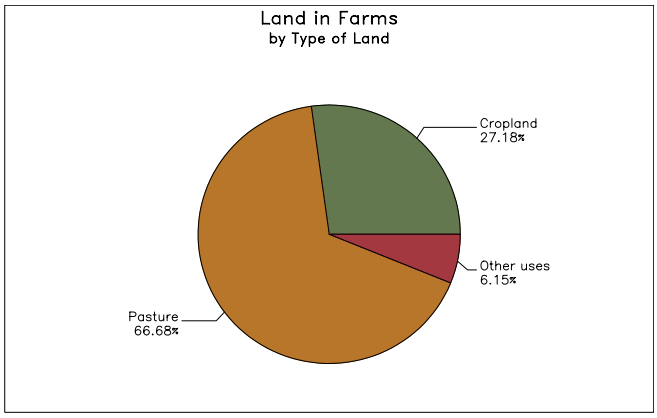
County Profile



Fergus, Montana

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	898	830	+ 8
Land in Farms	2,446,047 acres	2,281,789 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	2,724 acres	2,749 acres	- 1
Market Value of Production	$101,167,000	$61,207,000	+ 65
Crop Sales $42,013,000 (42 percent) Livestock Sales $59,154,000 (58 percent)			
Average Per Farm	$112,658	$73,743	+ 53
Government Payments	$6,187,000	$6,125,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm	$12,525	$14,480	- 13





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Ranked items among the 56 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	101,167	4	56	882	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,013	10	56	993	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	59,154	4	56	693	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	36,763	9	54	736	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	779	11	42	1,193	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(-)	(-)	9	(-)	1,710
Other crops and hay	4,442	15	56	371	3,054
Poultry and eggs	43	22	55	1,740	3,020
Cattle and calves	56,478	4	56	199	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,303	12	48	1,259	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	33	54	2,024	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	419	17	55	300	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	153	23	56	1,341	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,875
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	116,094	3	56	93	3,060
Colonies of bees	6,722	4	41	107	2,640
Sheep and lambs	6,062	15	55	168	2,891
Horses and ponies	2,207	16	56	471	3,066
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	15	41	(D)	2,476
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	185,950	1	56	5	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	161,649	13	53	67	2,481
Barley for grain	32,604	6	53	30	1,154
Oats for grain	1,363	5	52	284	1,957
Dry edible peas	766	22	31	87	277

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	224
$1,000 to $2,499	47
$2,500 to $4,999	26
$5,000 to $9,999	40
$10,000 to $19,999	56
$20,000 to $24,999	27
$25,000 to $39,999	56
$40,000 to $49,999	20
$50,000 to $99,999	99
$100,000 to $249,999	180
$250,000 to $499,999	84
$500,000 or more	39
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	78,169
Average per farm ($)	87,048
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	35,898
Average per farm ($)	39,975

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	541
Other	357
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	804
Female	94
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
All operators [2] by race:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Asian	(-)
Black or African American	(-)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
White	1,392
More than one race	5
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.