



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Gem, Idaho

### Number of farms

802 farms in 2002, 644 farms in 1997, up 25 percent.

### Land in farms

221,200 acres in 2002, 184,740 acres in 1997, up 20 percent.

### Average size of farm

276 acres in 2002, 287 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$27,467,000 in 2002, \$30,078,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,838,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,630,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

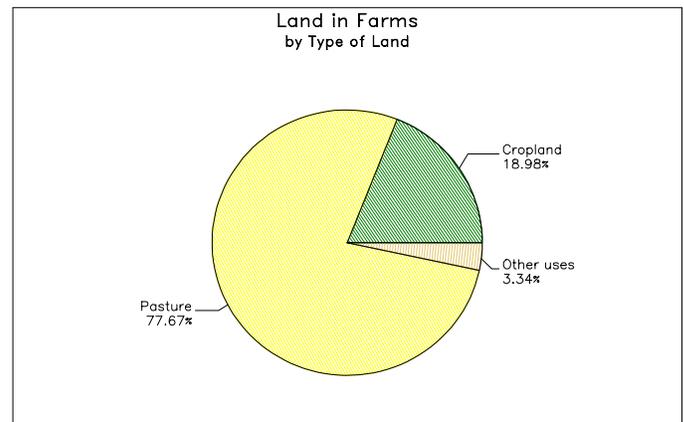
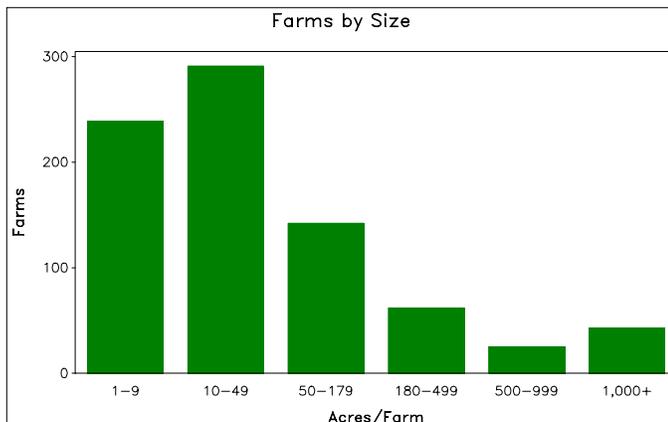
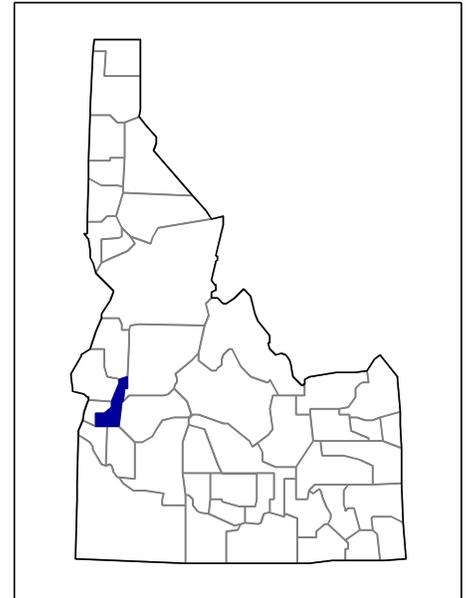
\$34,248 in 2002, \$46,705 in 1997, down 27 percent.

### Government Payments

\$615,000 in 2002, \$269,000 in 1997, up 129 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,963 in 2002, \$2,536 in 1997, up 96 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 44 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	27,467	28	44	1,801	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,838	32	44	1,747	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,630	19	44	1,357	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	42	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	65	32	39	1,933	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,104	24	44	297	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,778	19	44	1,008	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	37	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	75	8	40	1,556	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	289	15	44	309	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	275	15	44	807	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	25	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	2	42	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	27,391	20	44	1,142	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,218	19	44	350	2,867
Horses and ponies	3,011	8	44	209	3,065
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,129	33	44	1,300	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,892	35	40	1,312	2,517
Corn for silage	1,767	16	27	823	2,307
Corn for grain	1,765	8	19	1,610	2,592
Barley	527	35	41	400	1,246

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	311	Farming	456
\$1,000 to \$2,499	137	Other	346
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	72	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62	Male	673
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	129
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	White	1,200
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,296	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	36,483	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,485	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	3,095	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	27

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.