

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Custer, Montana

Number of farms

425 farms in 2002, 451 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

1,904,133 acres in 2002, 1,872,660 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

4,480 acres in 2002, 4,152 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$40,687,000 in 2002, \$33,011,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,017,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$34,670,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

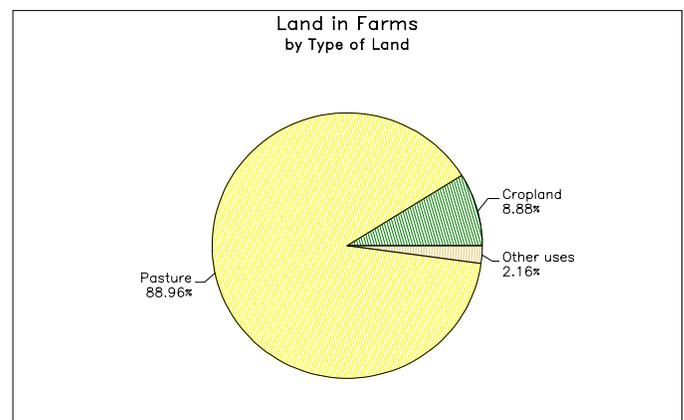
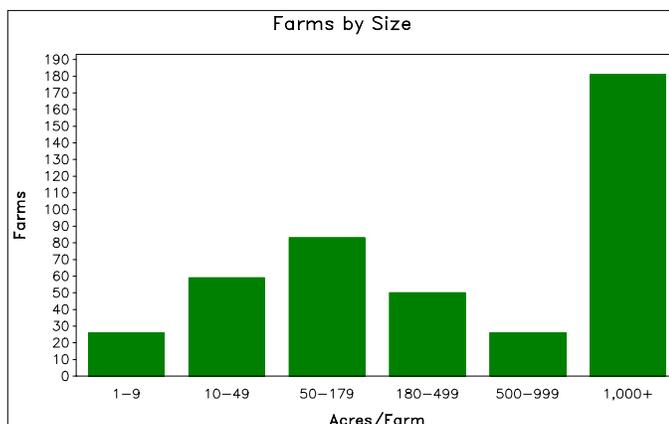
\$95,735 in 2002, \$73,195 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,003,000 in 2002, \$1,625,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,365 in 2002, \$8,646 in 1997, up 43 percent.



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Ranked items among the 56 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	40,687	18	56	1,416	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,017	34	56	1,982	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	34,670	9	56	832	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,755	30	55	1,450	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,255	18	56	382	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	47	52	2,687	2,918
Cattle and calves	32,864	8	56	266	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	54	33	46	2,239	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	491	13	56	190	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	341	11	56	628	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	895	9	52	144	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	87,172	5	56	187	3,059
Sheep and lambs	5,508	19	56	205	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,046	15	56	461	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	28	44	(D)	2,392
Bison	759	7	46	64	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	33,390	36	56	634	3,059
All Wheat for grain	12,185	35	54	575	2,517
Corn for silage	5,747	2	29	316	2,307
Barley	2,113	38	55	206	1,246
Sugarbeets for sugar	1,594	10	12	88	158

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	83	Farming	296
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	129
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	385
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	40
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	74	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	24	White	656
\$500,000 or more	14	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	36,860	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	86,323	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,786	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	18,234	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(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.