

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Elk, Pennsylvania

### Number of farms

226 farms in 2002, 220 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

22,167 acres in 2002, 21,313 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

98 acres in 2002, 97 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$2,883,000 in 2002, \$2,200,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,046,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,837,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

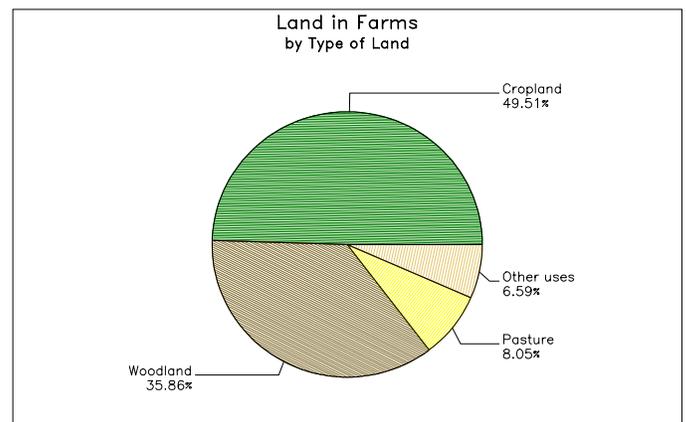
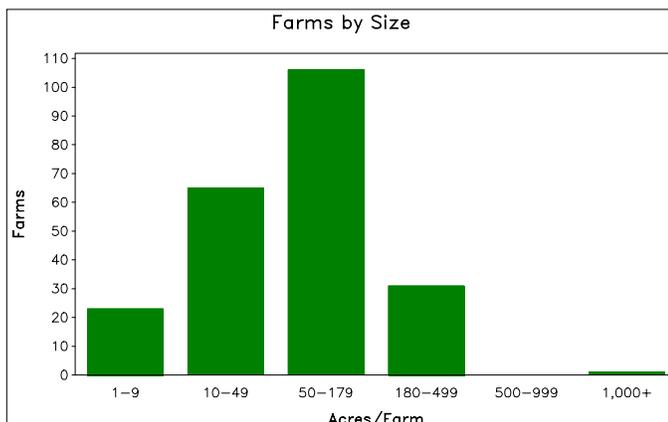
\$12,757 in 2002, \$9,998 in 1997, up 28 percent.

### Government Payments

\$51,000 in 2002, \$27,000 in 1997, up 89 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,446 in 2002, \$1,131 in 1997, up 116 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 67 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	2,883	63	67	2,891	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,046	63	67	2,713	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,837	60	66	2,740	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	72	60	65	2,459	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	146	55	67	1,522	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	468	55	66	1,459	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	200	62	66	2,532	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	61	66	2,275	2,918
Cattle and calves	502	59	66	2,748	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,158	58	65	1,290	2,493
Hogs and pigs	20	58	66	2,049	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	61	66	2,556	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	12	62	65	2,884	3,014
Aquaculture	75	23	60	631	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	60	44	66	1,075	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,455	60	66	2,767	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,145	55	67	1,286	2,983
Horses and ponies	327	60	66	2,550	3,065
Hogs and pigs	217	59	65	1,987	2,926
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,143	59	66	2,045	3,059
Corn for silage	592	59	65	1,356	2,307
Corn for grain	524	61	66	1,963	2,592
Oats	481	52	64	853	2,215
All Vegetables harvested	70	55	67	1,436	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	97	Farming	97
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31	Other	129
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	16	Male	197
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	297
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,627	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	16,048	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-209	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-927	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.