

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

5,293 farms in 2002, 5,695 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

411,848 acres in 2002, 428,439 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

78 acres in 2002, 75 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$798,346,000 in 2002, \$823,568,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$88,326,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$710,020,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

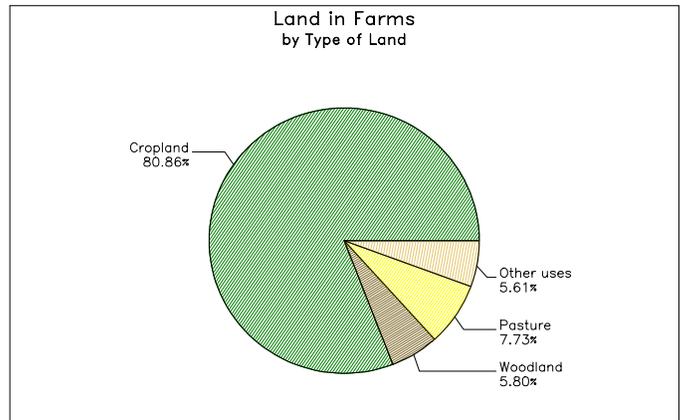
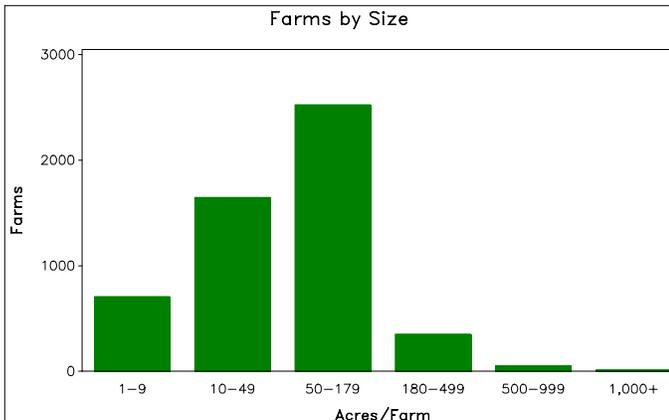
\$150,831 in 2002, \$144,613 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,846,000 in 2002, \$1,145,000 in 1997, up 498 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,316 in 2002, \$3,524 in 1997, up 221 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	798,346	1	67	17	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	88,326	3	67	164	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	710,020	1	66	5	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	18,137	2	65	724	2,871
Tobacco	12,495	1	19	30	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	15,334	1	67	125	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,830	6	66	166	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	33,884	4	66	88	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	609	14	66	85	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,038	4	66	302	3,046
Poultry and eggs	258,237	1	66	6	2,918
Cattle and calves	90,256	1	66	73	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	266,097	1	65	7	2,493
Hogs and pigs	86,314	1	66	17	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	507	2	66	188	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,593	3	65	41	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)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,823,907	1	64	42	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	7,500,336	1	67	4	2,983
Hogs and pigs	386,801	1	65	21	2,926
Cattle and calves	255,706	1	66	20	3,059
Turkeys	174,605	8	61	126	2,328
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for silage	94,421	1	65	2	2,307
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	93,905	2	66	50	3,059
Corn for grain	69,829	2	66	353	2,592
Soybeans	28,223	2	58	740	2,076
All Wheat for grain	10,830	3	60	615	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	745	Farming	3,933
\$1,000 to \$2,499	333	Other	1,360
\$2,500 to \$4,999	277	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	324	Male	4,977
\$10,000 to \$19,999	330	Female	316
\$20,000 to \$24,999	109	Average age of principal operator (years)	47.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	235	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	113	White	7,634
\$50,000 to \$99,999	732	Black or African American	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1,499	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	303	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	293	Asian	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	657,453	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	124,141	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	73
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	177,104		
Average per farm (\$)	33,441		

(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.