

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Rusk, Wisconsin

### Number of farms

715 farms in 2002, 696 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

173,310 acres in 2002, 176,161 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

242 acres in 2002, 253 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$30,263,000 in 2002, \$33,257,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,018,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$27,244,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

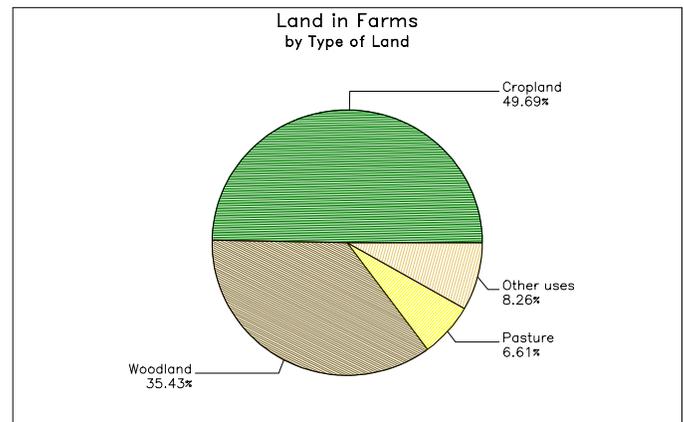
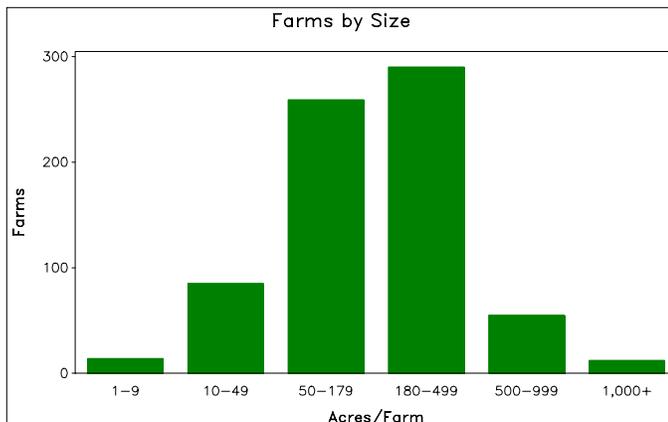
\$42,325 in 2002, \$47,783 in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,449,000 in 2002, \$440,000 in 1997, up 229 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,064 in 2002, \$1,654 in 1997, up 267 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 72 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	30,263	57	72	1,694	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,018	66	72	2,331	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	27,244	47	72	1,018	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,064	59	72	1,757	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	321	35	71	694	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	292	57	70	1,663	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,158	45	72	1,101	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,500	48	72	1,601	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	21,189	42	69	210	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	93	31	70	852	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	38	66	69	2,498	3,014
Aquaculture	20	31	56	844	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	30,203	42	72	1,052	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	12	69	(D)	2,328
Mink	(D)	12	25	(D)	117
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,316	48	72	1,200	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	972	36	71	894	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,559	33	72	354	3,059
Corn for grain	11,058	57	69	1,020	2,592
Corn for silage	6,489	42	71	284	2,307
Soybeans	2,709	58	67	1,321	2,076
Oats	1,720	49	71	298	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	225
\$1,000 to \$2,499	71
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	91
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,776
Average per farm (\$)	35,950
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,880
Average per farm (\$)	13,779

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	433
Other	282
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	657
Female	58
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,055
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.