



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Plumas, California



Number of farms

142 farms in 2002, 145 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

170,521 acres in 2002, 118,075 acres in 1997, up 44 percent.

Average size of farm

1,201 acres in 2002, 814 acres in 1997, up 48 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$7,337,000 in 2002, \$23,424,000 in 1997, down 69 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,294,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,043,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

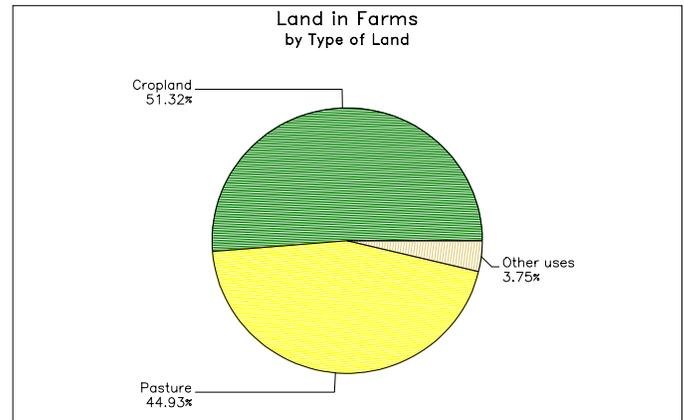
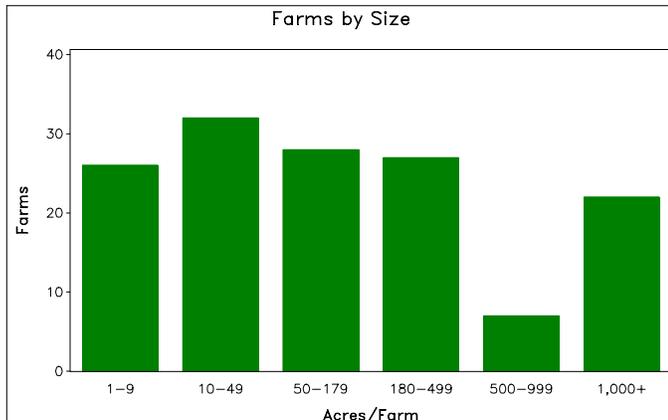
\$51,668 in 2002, \$161,546 in 1997, down 68 percent.

Government Payments

\$206,000 in 2002, \$21,000 in 1997, up 881 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,141 in 2002, \$2,686 in 1997, up 538 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, California Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 58 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	7,337	52	58	2,633	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,294	52	58	2,646	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,043	43	58	2,231	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	101	52	55	2,076	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,017	34	57	1,224	3,046
Poultry and eggs	23	42	56	1,667	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,834	32	57	1,403	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	48	53	2,590	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	66	50	56	2,166	3,014
Aquaculture	15	41	51	899	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	80	41	54	952	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,417	41	57	1,654	3,059
Quail	(D)	9	32	(D)	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	594	39	56	1,766	2,983
Horses and ponies	547	49	57	2,052	3,065
Bison	338	1	27	143	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,992	28	57	1,886	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	31	38	(D)	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	23	49	56	1,950	2,710
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	38	45	(D)	1,877
Barley ³	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	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	53	Farming	68
\$1,000 to \$2,499	11	Other	74
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Male	116
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	26
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	224
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,863	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	62,860	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-919	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	-6,520	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.

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