

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Blaine, Montana

Number of farms

588 farms in 2002, 598 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

2,261,411 acres in 2002, 2,224,905 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

3,846 acres in 2002, 3,721 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$53,295,000 in 2002, \$48,584,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,174,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$29,121,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

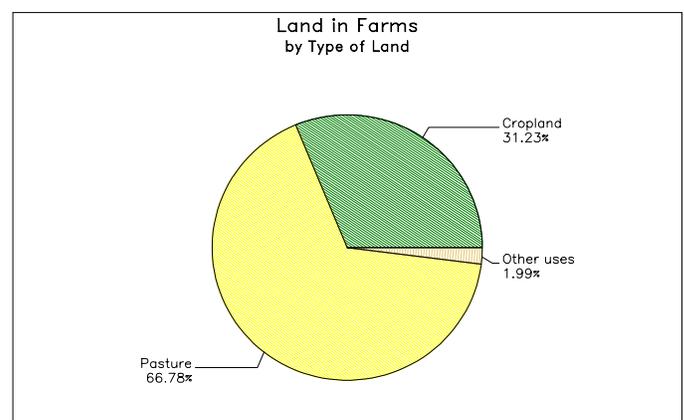
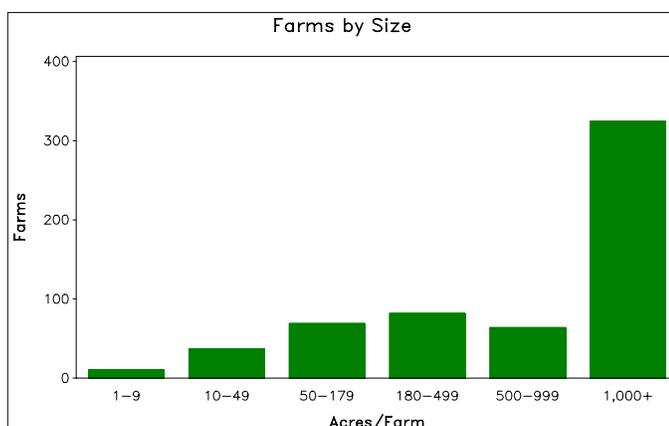
\$90,637 in 2002, \$81,244 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$8,917,000 in 2002, \$6,954,000 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$23,591 in 2002, \$18,397 in 1997, up 28 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	53,295	10	56	1,080	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,174	12	56	1,026	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,121	15	56	963	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	19,518	10	55	686	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	-	-	22	-	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	4,564	11	56	266	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	24,678	15	56	393	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,803	6	53	738	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	364	25	56	251	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	138	30	56	1,464	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,649	2	52	58	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	63,645	12	56	373	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	11	54	(D)	2,983
Sheep and lambs	9,161	8	56	129	2,867
Hogs and pigs	9,091	7	52	741	2,926
Colonies of bees	(D)	5	44	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	190,343	10	54	43	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	82,100	6	56	76	3,059
Barley	17,370	14	55	67	1,246
Oats	1,544	8	55	349	2,215
All Field and grass seed crops	1,420	4	40	119	1,293

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	145	Farming	413
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	175
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Male	495
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Female	93
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	85		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	108	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	37	White	812
\$500,000 or more	16	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	51,418	American Indian or Alaska Native	94
Average per farm (\$)	87,149	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,848	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	26,861	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.