

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Hill, Montana

Number of farms

836 farms in 2002, 791 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

1,808,835 acres in 2002, 1,702,269 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

2,164 acres in 2002, 2,152 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$43,456,000 in 2002, \$70,953,000 in 1997, down 39 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$33,565,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,890,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

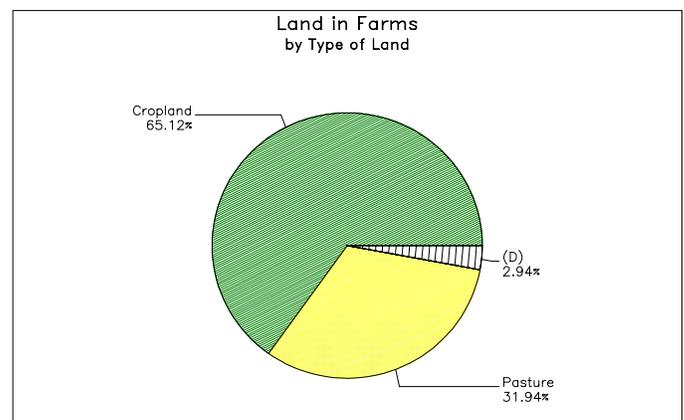
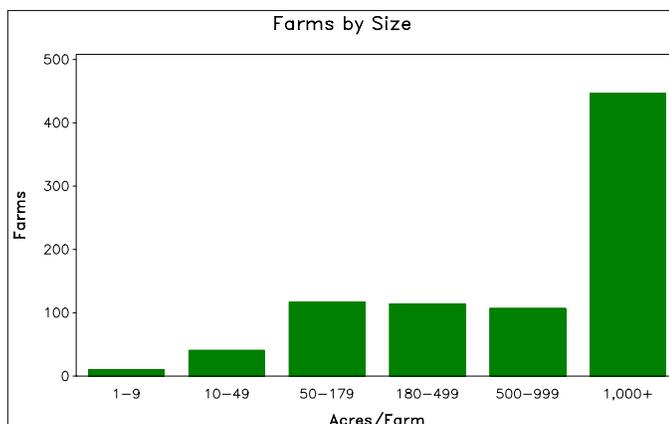
\$51,980 in 2002, \$89,700 in 1997, down 42 percent.

Government Payments

\$16,312,000 in 2002, \$12,958,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$25,648 in 2002, \$20,278 in 1997, up 26 percent.



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

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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	43,456	15	56	1,332	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,565	6	56	783	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,890	40	56	1,894	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	32,543	3	55	446	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	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,000	41	56	1,150	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	24	51	56	1,778	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	157	27	56	1,348	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,210	41	56	1,349	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	9	54	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	52	(D)	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	6	47	(D)	2,599
Horses and ponies	1,361	29	56	880	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	444,014	2	54	3	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	32,156	40	56	665	3,059
Barley	17,983	13	55	63	1,246
Oats	1,994	4	55	245	2,215
All Field and grass seed crops	1,601	3	40	108	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	300	Farming	559
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	277
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58	Male	722
\$20,000 to \$24,999	25	Female	114
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	120		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	112	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	White	1,134
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,603	American Indian or Alaska Native	64
Average per farm (\$)	62,847	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,571	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	13,824	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.