

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Judith Basin, Montana

Number of farms

316 farms in 2002, 359 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

829,846 acres in 2002, 827,752 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

2,626 acres in 2002, 2,306 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$32,242,000 in 2002, \$37,785,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,445,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$23,797,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

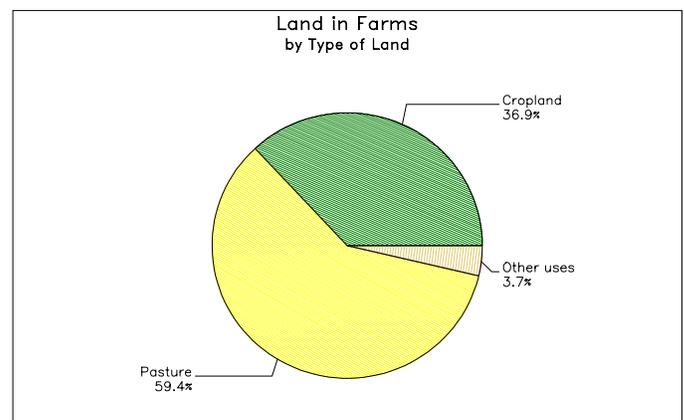
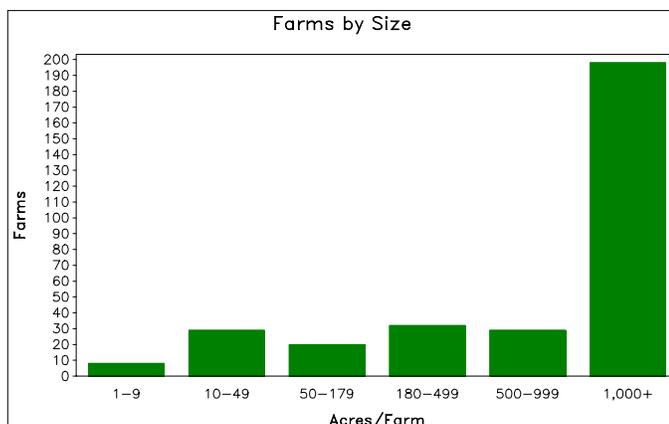
\$102,031 in 2002, \$105,252 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,079,000 in 2002, \$2,614,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,035 in 2002, \$11,882 in 1997, up 35 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	32,242	25	56	1,632	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,445	28	56	1,770	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,797	20	56	1,146	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,758	22	55	1,125	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	41	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,687	30	56	773	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	21,803	19	56	461	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	567	10	56	163	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	94	42	56	1,825	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	51,499	18	56	548	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	1	44	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	7,448	11	56	154	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	15	54	(D)	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	11	47	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	90,382	3	56	58	3,059
All Wheat for grain	64,321	22	54	214	2,517
Barley	24,209	9	55	45	1,246
Oats	856	23	55	585	2,215
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	20	40	(D)	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	41	Farming	246
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	70
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14	Male	293
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Female	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	79	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	White	458
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,105	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	102,571	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,664	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	8,512	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.