

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Richland, Montana

Number of farms

587 farms in 2002, 611 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

1,201,436 acres in 2002, 1,197,842 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

2,047 acres in 2002, 1,960 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$67,913,000 in 2002, \$53,806,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$30,096,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$37,817,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

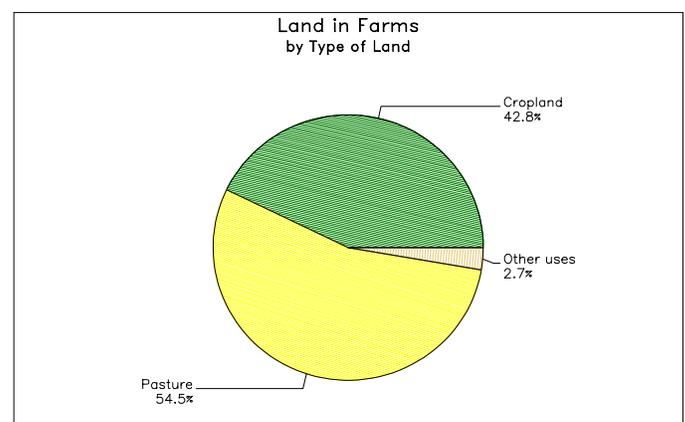
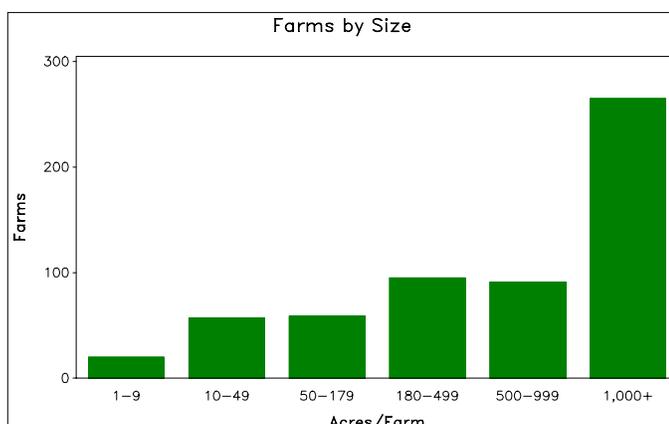
\$115,695 in 2002, \$88,063 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,068,000 in 2002, \$4,985,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,361 in 2002, \$11,728 in 1997, up 31 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	67,913	4	56	835	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,096	9	56	858	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	37,817	6	56	777	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	14,820	16	55	825	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	15,061	1	56	96	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	48	52	2,713	2,918
Cattle and calves	36,531	5	56	228	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	47	53	2,482	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	411	19	56	222	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	232	26	52	539	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	64,689	11	56	357	3,059
Sheep and lambs	7,010	13	56	166	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	12	44	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,115	33	56	1,134	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	410	36	54	2,053	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	138,670	14	54	75	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	55,191	18	56	239	3,059
Sugarbeets for sugar	18,199	1	12	24	158
Barley	14,494	16	55	78	1,246
Safflower	9,130	1	21	4	112

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	156	Farming	396
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15	Other	191
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43	Male	531
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Female	56
\$25,000 to \$39,999	44		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	78		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	85	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	843
\$500,000 or more	26	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	55,494	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Average per farm (\$)	94,539	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	22,503	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	38,335	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.