

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Sanders, Montana

#### Number of farms

464 farms in 2002, 489 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

#### Land in farms

345,775 acres in 2002, 407,654 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

#### Average size of farm

745 acres in 2002, 834 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$14,079,000 in 2002, \$11,816,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,657,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,422,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

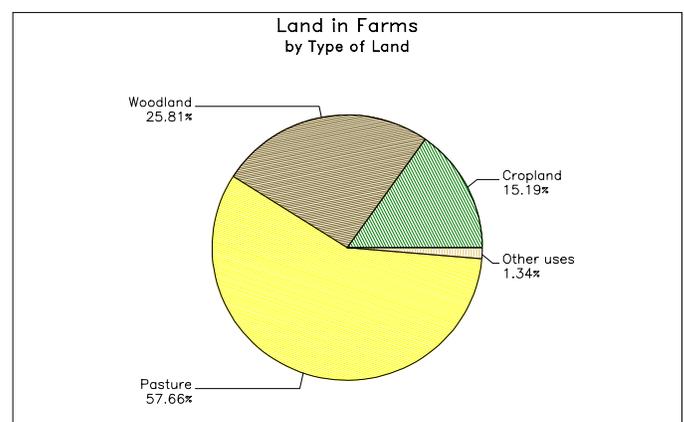
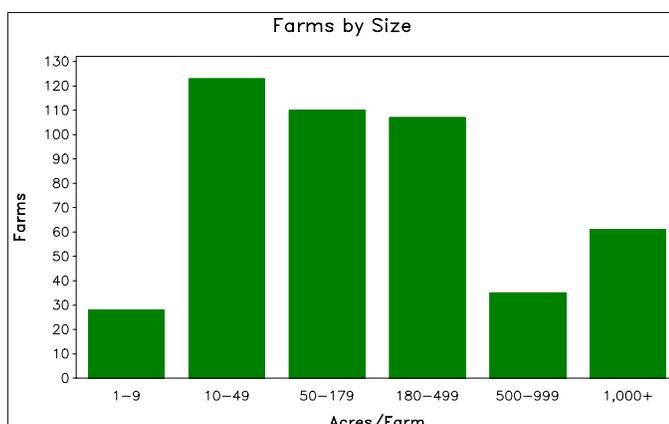
\$30,342 in 2002, \$24,163 in 1997, up 26 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$200,000 in 2002, \$150,000 in 1997, up 33 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,737 in 2002, \$2,452 in 1997, up 12 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 56 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

| Item  | Quantity | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>             |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                               | 14,079   | 46         | 56                    | 2,310     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 6,657    | 32         | 56                    | 1,919     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 7,422    | 49         | 56                    | 2,093     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 61       | 52         | 55                    | 2,492     | 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  | 16       | 9          | 22                    | 2,025     | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | (D)      | (D)        | 41                    | (D)       | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | (D)      | (D)        | 8                     | (D)       | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 1,357    | 34         | 56                    | 969       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 52                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 6,588    | 45         | 56                    | 1,298     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 46                    | (D)       | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 9        | 44         | 53                    | 2,360     | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | (D)      | (D)        | 56                    | (D)       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 237      | 20         | 56                    | 953       | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 14                    | -         | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | 470      | 18         | 52                    | 297       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 18,683   | 45         | 56                    | 1,529     | 3,059                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 1,456    | 26         | 56                    | 798       | 3,065                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 742      | 25         | 54                    | 1,615     | 2,983                 |
| Llamas  | 684      | 2          | 52                    | 27        | 2,112                 |
| Bison   | 656      | 9          | 46                    | 73        | 1,321                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 30,327   | 41         | 56                    | 716       | 3,059                 |
| Oats  | 567      | 33         | 55                    | 771       | 2,215                 |
| All Wheat for grain   | 340      | 51         | 54                    | 1,903     | 2,517                 |
| Nursery stock   | 238      | 2          | 20                    | 406       | 2,129                 |
| Cut Christmas trees   | 180      | 4          | 8                     | 420       | 1,877                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 128      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 60       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 50       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 68       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 50       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 17       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 24       |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 8        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 36       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 17       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 4        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 2        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 14,879   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 31,929   |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 1,420    |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 3,047    |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 238      |
| Other   | 226      |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 394      |
| Female  | 70       |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 56.1     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 653      |
| Black or African American   | 2        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 40       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | -        |
| More than one race  | 4        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 11       |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.