



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Sandusky, Ohio



### Number of farms

802 farms in 2002, 874 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Land in farms

196,152 acres in 2002, 203,717 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

245 acres in 2002, 233 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$51,045,000 in 2002, \$66,424,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$45,393,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,651,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

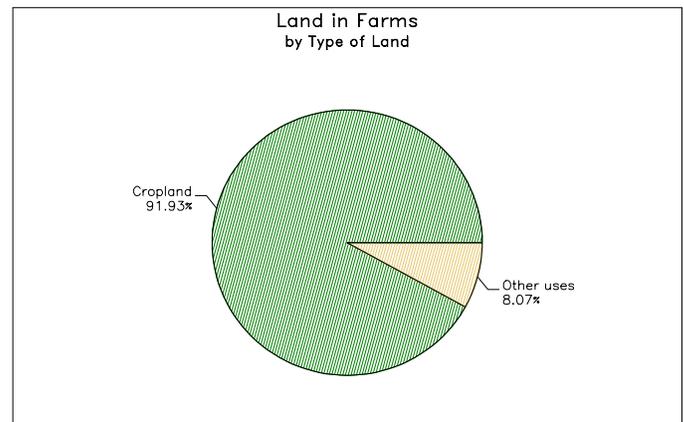
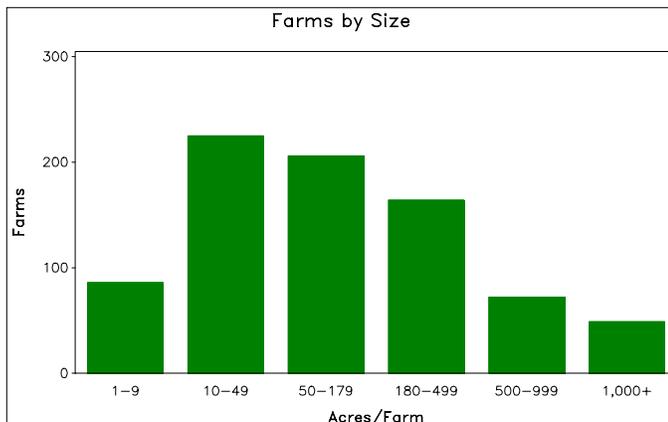
\$63,647 in 2002, \$76,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,085,000 in 2002, \$2,357,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,397 in 2002, \$4,859 in 1997, up 52 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 88 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	51,045	30	88	1,135	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,393	13	88	532	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,651	65	88	2,274	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	32,638	18	88	444	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	24	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	8,194	2	88	198	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,282	7	88	305	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,759	42	87	853	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	20	51	81	950	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,501	25	88	870	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,024	63	88	2,160	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,385	50	87	942	2,493
Hogs and pigs	827	52	88	914	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	50	63	88	1,267	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	217	49	88	1,040	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	49	46	88	1,156	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,797	64	88	2,349	3,059
Hogs and pigs	4,074	52	88	934	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,139	64	88	1,292	2,983
Sheep and lambs	985	58	88	990	2,867
Llamas	900	1	84	13	2,112
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	84,190	27	88	345	2,076
Corn for grain	54,365	24	88	461	2,592
All Wheat for grain	17,387	15	88	483	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,394	61	88	2,024	3,059
Popcorn	4,894	4	46	13	412

**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	472
\$1,000 to \$2,499	74	Other	330
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	81	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	114	Male	743
\$20,000 to \$24,999	25	Female	59
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	81		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	86	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	38	White	1,108
\$500,000 or more	13	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,014	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	64,855	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,428	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	3,028	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.