

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

719 farms in 2002, 784 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

119,129 acres in 2002, 125,161 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

166 acres in 2002, 160 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$99,228,000 in 2002, \$65,005,000 in 1997, up 53 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$26,604,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$72,625,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

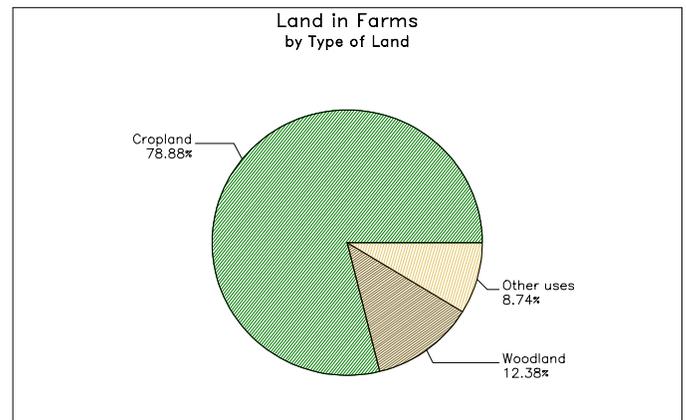
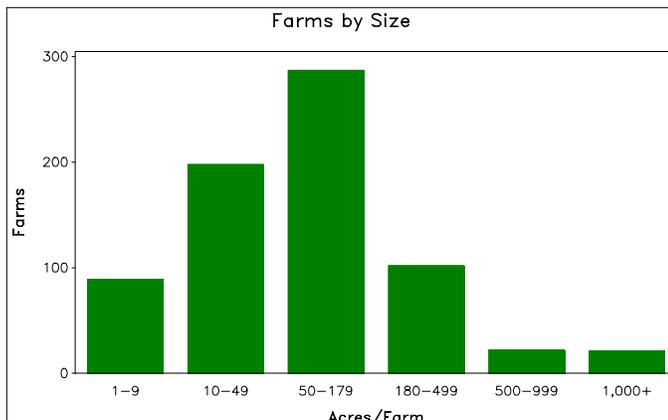
\$138,009 in 2002, \$82,914 in 1997, up 66 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,751,000 in 2002, \$1,216,000 in 1997, up 44 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,463 in 2002, \$4,252 in 1997, up 52 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 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	99,228	9	67	513	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	26,604	12	67	951	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	72,625	10	66	336	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	10,004	4	65	998	2,871
Tobacco	416	4	19	325	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,644	6	67	326	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,356	15	66	296	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,040	13	66	286	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	176	38	66	298	1,774
Other crops and hay	969	41	66	1,271	3,046
Poultry and eggs	20,744	10	66	299	2,918
Cattle and calves	31,886	2	66	282	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	11,485	34	65	329	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7,850	8	66	347	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	59	39	66	1,142	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	88	45	65	1,886	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	684,823	9	67	127	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	390,323	12	64	418	2,599
Turkeys	202,380	6	61	106	2,328
Pheasants	(D)	2	60	(D)	1,541
Hogs and pigs	35,453	9	65	363	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	31,052	4	66	648	2,592
Soybeans	20,819	4	58	827	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,683	49	66	1,387	3,059
Corn for silage	4,563	31	65	395	2,307
All Wheat for grain	4,382	14	60	974	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	205	Farming	380
\$1,000 to \$2,499	53	Other	339
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68	Male	672
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	47
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	White	1,030
\$500,000 or more	33	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	79,800	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	110,527	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23,120	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	32,022	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.