

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Columbia, Washington

**Number of farms**

255 farms in 2002, 246 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

**Land in farms**

294,661 acres in 2002, 320,630 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

**Average size of farm**

1,156 acres in 2002, 1,303 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

**Market Value of Production**

\$26,516,000 in 2002, \$25,627,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,701,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,815,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

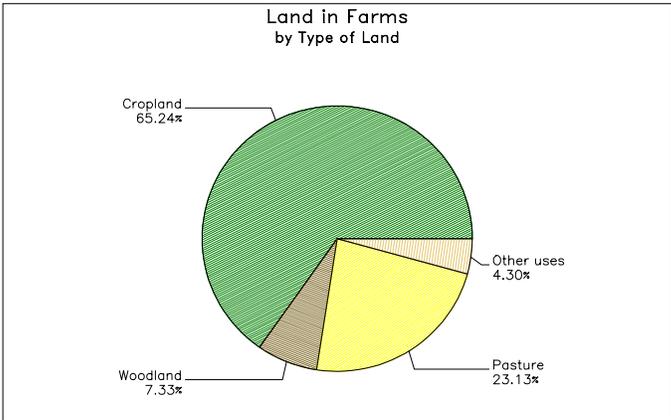
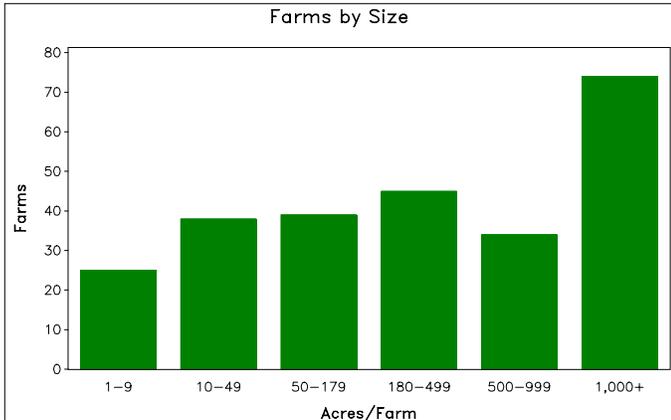
\$103,985 in 2002, \$104,175 in 1997, down slightly.

**Government Payments**

\$3,643,000 in 2002, \$2,597,000 in 1997, up 40 percent.

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

\$21,947 in 2002, \$16,331 in 1997, up 34 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 39 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	26,516	29	39	1,835	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,701	22	39	1,072	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,815	34	39	2,473	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	21,735	9	34	645	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	316	22	36	1,164	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	133	36	39	1,109	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	36	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	518	26	39	1,872	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	31	39	2,151	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	23	27	38	2,008	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	21	32	38	1,856	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	35	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	14	31	37	1,691	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,709	29	39	2,452	3,059
Colonies of bees	920	14	33	468	2,392
Sheep and lambs	384	32	39	1,616	2,867
Horses and ponies	326	35	39	2,553	3,065
Hogs and pigs	210	25	38	2,003	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	93,461	9	26	140	2,517
Barley	14,790	5	29	75	1,246
Dry edible peas	7,605	2	9	8	215
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,309	32	39	2,549	3,059
Mustard seed	2,093	4	9	20	92

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	84	Farming	178
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13	Other	77
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Male	228
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	White	348
\$500,000 or more	13	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,500	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	87,548	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,125	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	39,399	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.