

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Skagit, Washington

Number of farms

872 farms in 2002, 999 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

113,821 acres in 2002, 101,785 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

131 acres in 2002, 102 acres in 1997, up 28 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$217,384,000 in 2002, \$175,784,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$152,452,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$64,932,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

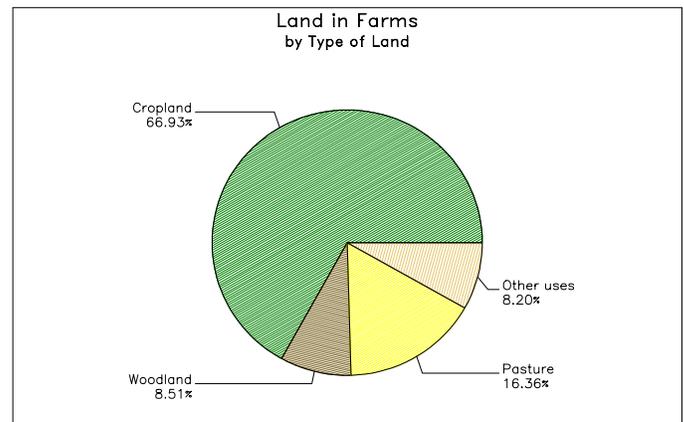
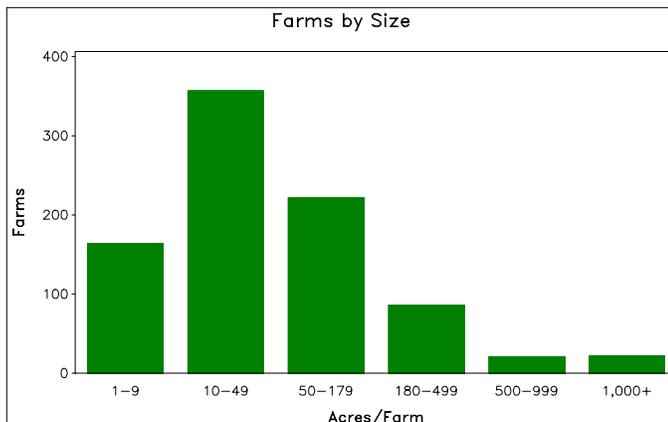
\$249,294 in 2002, \$175,960 in 1997, up 42 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,835,000 in 2002, \$523,000 in 1997, up 251 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,333 in 2002, \$5,228 in 1997, up 174 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Washington Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 39 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	217,384	7	39	128	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	152,452	9	39	71	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	64,932	8	39	397	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	77,295	4	36	29	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	60,075	1	36	47	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	95	16	31	455	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,416	18	39	917	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,874	12	39	1,073	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	43,431	3	34	100	2,493
Hogs and pigs	38	22	38	1,796	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	54	24	38	1,199	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	227	19	39	993	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	35	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	86	19	37	922	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	7	39	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	36,059	7	39	883	3,059
Colonies of bees	1,502	11	33	351	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,394	18	39	844	3,065
Sheep and lambs	766	23	39	1,158	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,968	14	39	1,248	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	12,046	6	36	56	2,710
Potatoes	11,205	5	27	31	1,551
All Wheat for grain	5,886	17	26	853	2,517
Corn for silage	5,871	3	28	310	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	207
\$1,000 to \$2,499	138
\$2,500 to \$4,999	69
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52
\$250,000 to \$499,999	36
\$500,000 or more	96
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	168,073
Average per farm (\$)	191,864
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	59,651
Average per farm (\$)	68,095

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	531
Other	341
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	714
Female	158
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,340
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	18
More than one race	5
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	22

(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.