

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Beaverhead, Montana

#### Number of farms

421 farms in 2002, 409 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

#### Land in farms

1,279,031 acres in 2002, 1,170,447 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

#### Average size of farm

3,038 acres in 2002, 2,862 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$63,266,000 in 2002, \$57,870,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,403,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$53,863,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

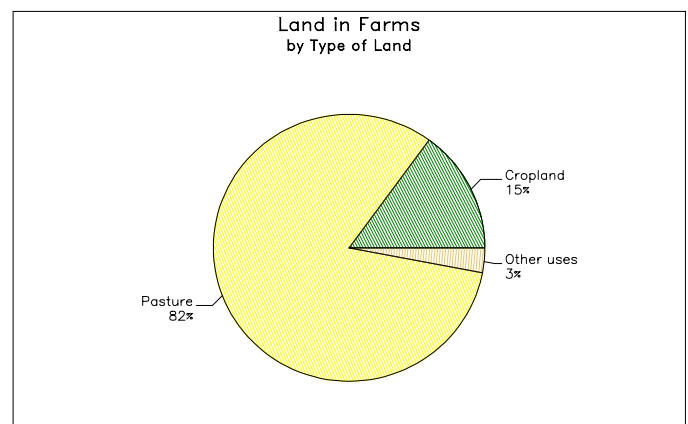
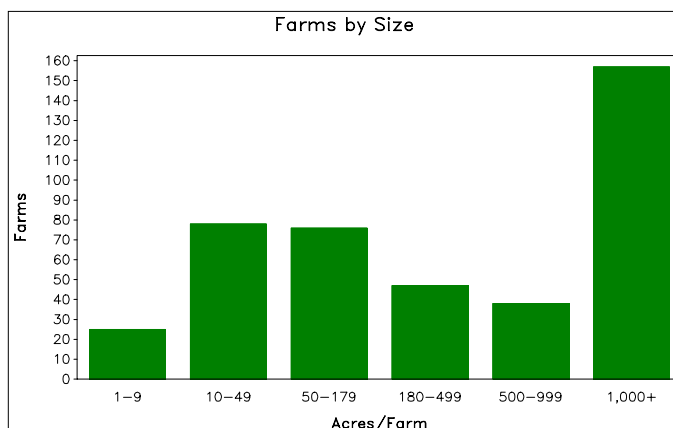
\$150,274 in 2002, \$141,490 in 1997, up 6 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$998,000 in 2002, \$881,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

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

\$9,242 in 2002, \$9,683 in 1997, down 5 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	63,266	7	56	906	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,403	27	56	1,695	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	53,863	2	56	511	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,986	34	55	1,568	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	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,927	7	56	217	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	43	52	2,601	2,918
Cattle and calves	52,364	2	56	138	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	921	5	56	105	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	135,926	1	56	66	3,059
Sheep and lambs	15,823	4	56	81	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	7	44	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	2,679	11	56	278	3,065
All Goats	389	6	53	1,230	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	110,782	2	56	30	3,059
All Wheat for grain	6,307	43	54	826	2,517
Barley	2,557	36	55	198	1,246
Potatoes	1,323	3	36	140	1,551
Oats	391	38	55	974	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	126	Farming	259
\$1,000 to \$2,499	26	Other	162
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	379
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	42
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	55	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	700
\$500,000 or more	34	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,312	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	129,006	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,324	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	26,898	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.