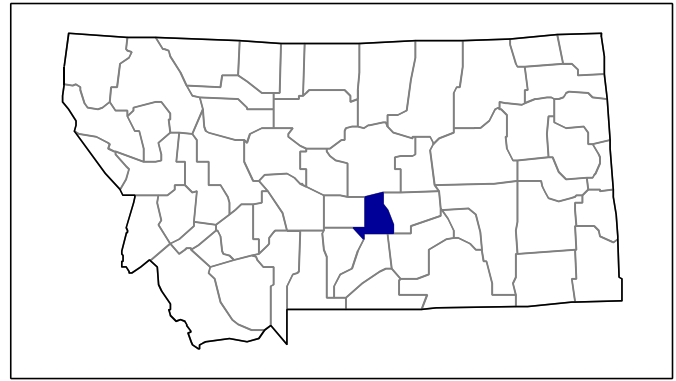




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Golden Valley, Montana

### Number of farms

140 farms in 2002, 125 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Land in farms

660,787 acres in 2002, 632,799 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

4,720 acres in 2002, 5,062 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$8,000,000 in 2002, \$12,726,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$960,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,041,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

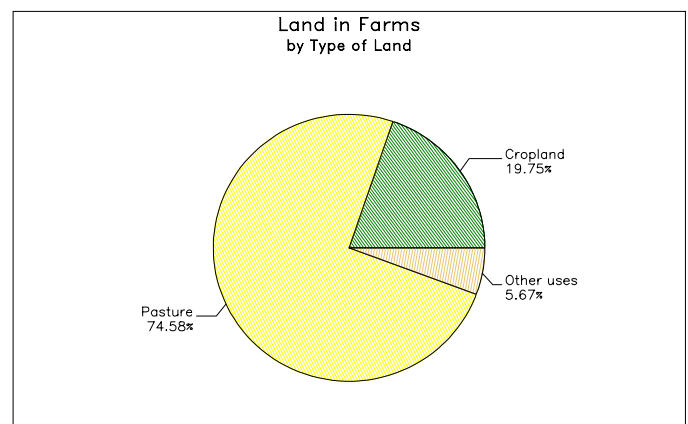
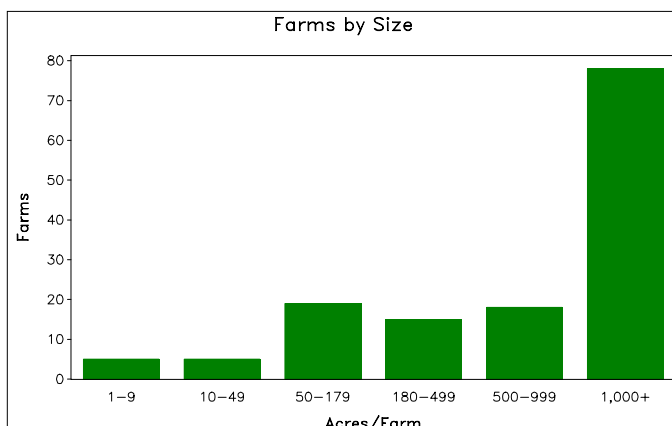
\$57,146 in 2002, \$101,805 in 1997, down 44 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,104,000 in 2002, \$1,504,000 in 1997, up 40 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$24,460 in 2002, \$20,058 in 1997, up 22 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                               | 8,000    | 52         | 56                    | 2,596     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 960      | 52         | 56                    | 2,745     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 7,041    | 50         | 56                    | 2,131     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 786      | 42         | 55                    | 1,848     | 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                              | -        | -          | 41                    | -         | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | -        | -          | 8                     | -         | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | (D)      | (D)        | 56                    | (D)       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 52                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 5,921    | 48         | 56                    | 1,393     | 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  | 438      | 17         | 56                    | 207       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 21       | 53         | 56                    | 2,744     | 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   | 14,802   | 49         | 56                    | 1,752     | 3,059                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 11,893   | 5          | 56                    | 104       | 2,867                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | (D)      | 14         | 54                    | (D)       | 2,983                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)      | 15         | 52                    | (D)       | 2,926                 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                   | (D)      | 11         | 47                    | (D)       | 2,599                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| All Wheat for grain   | 12,156   | 36         | 54                    | 577       | 2,517                 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 11,959   | 52         | 56                    | 1,594     | 3,059                 |
| Barley  | 2,310    | 37         | 55                    | 202       | 1,246                 |
| Oats  | (D)      | 42         | 55                    | (D)       | 2,215                 |
| Lentils   | (D)      | 17         | 18                    | (D)       | 48                    |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 39       | Farming   | 97       |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 17       | Other   | 43       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 12       |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 10       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 3        | Male  | 127      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | -        | Female  | 13       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 8        |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 8        | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 56.7     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 23       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 11       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 8        | White   | 230      |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 1        | Black or African American   | -        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 9,923    | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 1        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 70,880   | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | Asian   | 1        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 631      | More than one race  | 1        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 4,508    | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 9        |

(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.