

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Jefferson, Montana

Number of farms

372 farms in 2002, 317 farms in 1997, up 17 percent.

Land in farms

387,077 acres in 2002, 362,583 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

1,041 acres in 2002, 1,144 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,704,000 in 2002, \$8,702,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,230,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,473,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

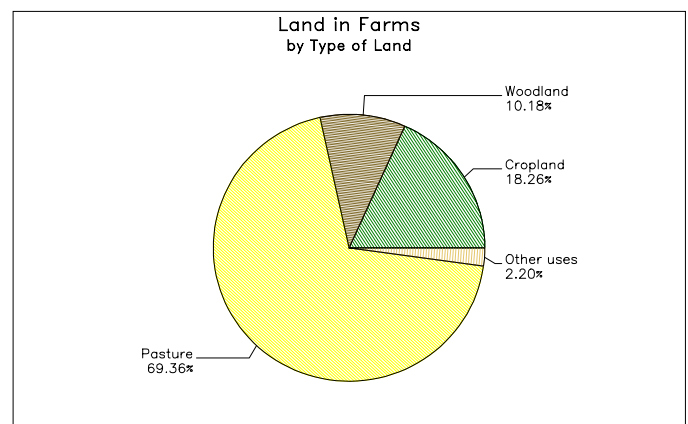
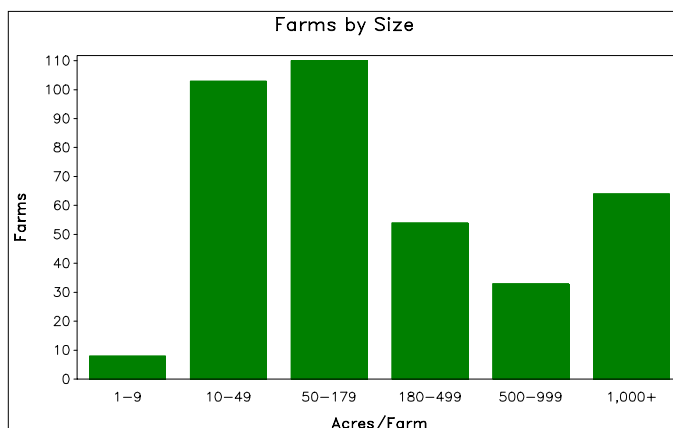
\$26,085 in 2002, \$27,450 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments

\$593,000 in 2002, \$651,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,057 in 2002, \$14,787 in 1997, down 32 percent.



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Ranked items among the 56 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	9,704	49	56	2,520	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,230	47	56	2,662	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,473	45	56	1,999	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	378	48	55	2,081	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	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	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	691	43	56	1,607	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	33	52	2,150	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,826	42	56	1,172	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	40	48	56	1,423	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	148	29	56	1,404	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	67	38	52	1,037	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	23,366	40	56	1,294	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,786	19	56	567	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	22	52	(D)	2,926
Sheep and lambs	751	46	56	1,168	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	530	29	54	1,861	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,090	46	56	971	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	47	54	(D)	2,517
Barley	1,444	44	55	246	1,246
Oats	178	44	55	1,304	2,215
Corn for silage	(D)	22	29	(D)	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	165	Farming	180
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43	Other	192
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Male	302
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	70
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	568
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,594	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	33,675	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,261	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	-3,371	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.