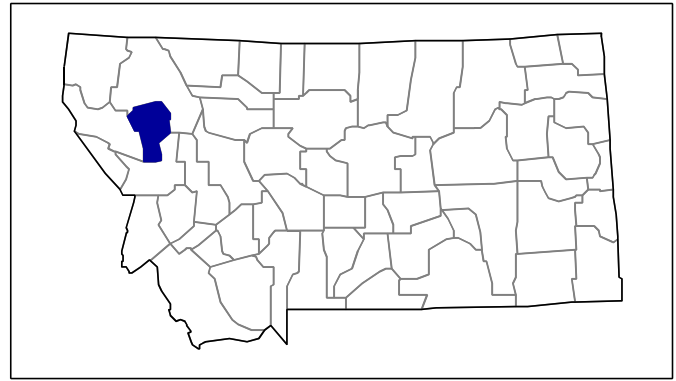




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Number of farms

1,185 farms in 2002, 1,216 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

601,544 acres in 2002, 617,435 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

508 acres in 2002, 508 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$39,360,000 in 2002, \$40,591,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,176,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$21,184,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

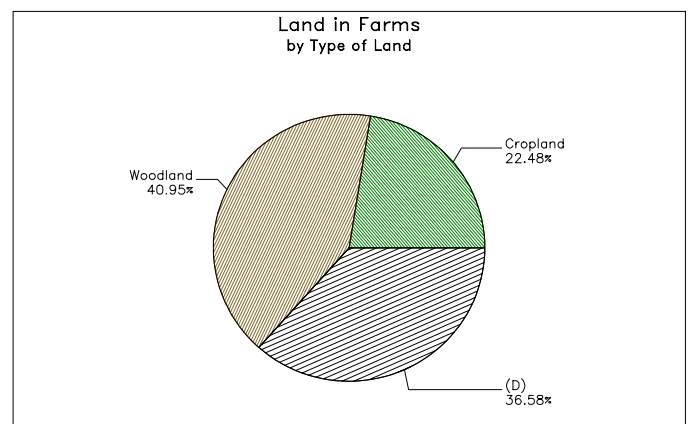
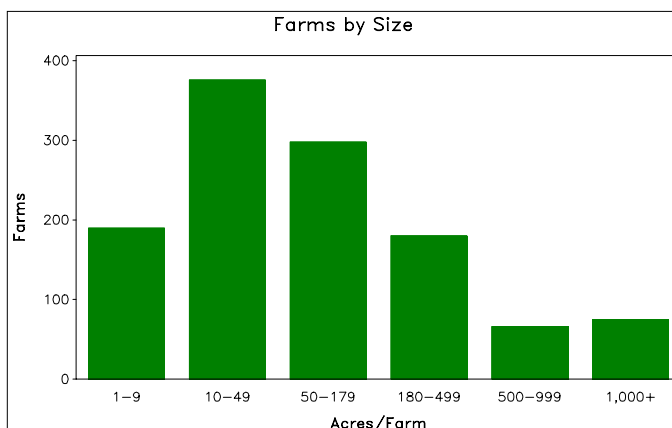
\$33,215 in 2002, \$33,380 in 1997, down slightly.

Government Payments

\$932,000 in 2002, \$881,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,051 in 2002, \$3,880 in 1997, up 4 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	39,360	19	56	1,449	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,176	19	56	1,241	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,184	21	56	1,255	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,226	31	55	1,523	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,445	2	41	254	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,568	1	22	152	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	861	9	41	1,158	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	107	3	8	417	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,970	13	56	309	3,046
Poultry and eggs	54	21	52	1,442	2,918
Cattle and calves	17,012	22	56	620	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,352	3	46	950	2,493
Hogs and pigs	32	36	53	1,866	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	100	40	56	809	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	843	2	56	169	3,014
Aquaculture	117	7	14	547	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	673	14	52	205	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	45,258	22	56	657	3,059
Colonies of bees	5,265	6	44	104	2,392
Horses and ponies	4,499	2	56	73	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,743	38	56	629	2,867
Pheasants	(D)	4	26	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	59,000	14	56	197	3,059
All Wheat for grain	10,847	37	54	614	2,517
Barley	2,562	35	55	196	1,246
Potatoes	2,037	2	36	100	1,551
Oats	1,019	17	55	504	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	249	Farming	650
\$1,000 to \$2,499	118	Other	535
\$2,500 to \$4,999	132		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	133	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	188	Male	1,014
\$20,000 to \$24,999	39	Female	171
\$25,000 to \$39,999	100		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	49	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	87		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	1,643
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	36,977	American Indian or Alaska Native	140
Average per farm (\$)	31,073	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,056	More than one race	20
Average per farm (\$)	5,089	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	35

(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.