2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Meagher, Montana

Number of farms
136 farms in 2002, 151 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms
857,215 acres in 2002, 923,090 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm
6,303 acres in 2002, 6,113 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production
$19,714,000 in 2002, $22,837,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $2,237,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $17,478,000 of the total value in 2002.

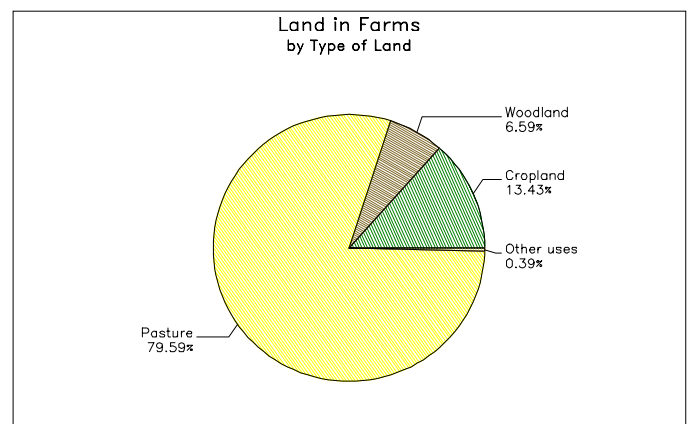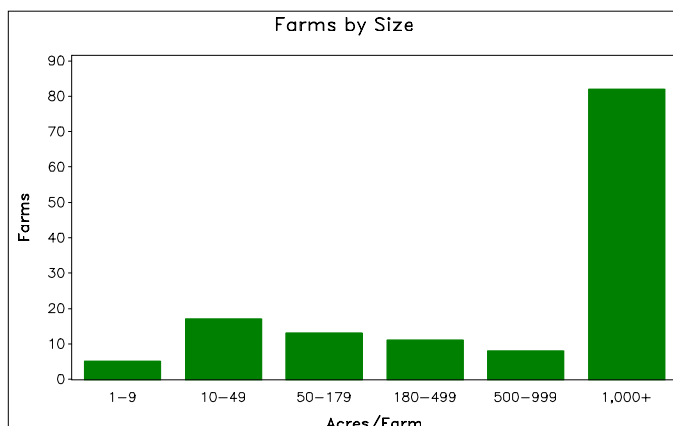**Market Value of Production, average per farm**
$144,959 in 2002, $151,235 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments
$1,081,000 in 2002, $635,000 in 1997, up 70 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$18,970 in 2002, $13,509 in 1997, up 40 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms by Type of Land

Woodland 6.59%
Cropland 13.43%
Other uses 0.39%
Pasture 79.59%

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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	19,714	38	56	2,103	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,237	43	56	2,469	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,478	25	56	1,411	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,188	40	55	1,730	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	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	1,049	38	56	1,190	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	16,244	23	56	649	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	398	21	56	230	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	88	44	56	1,884	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	45,467	21	56	651	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	8	54	(D)	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	5	47	(D)	2,599
Sheep and lambs	4,961	21	56	226	2,867
Hogs and pigs [3]	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	47,418	23	56	337	3,059
Barley	11,850	20	55	91	1,246
All Wheat for grain	10,082	38	54	643	2,517
Oats	1,124	13	55	463	2,215
Corn for grain	(D)	19	22	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	32
$1,000 to $2,499	-
$2,500 to $4,999	5
$5,000 to $9,999	5
$10,000 to $19,999	10
$20,000 to $24,999	7
$25,000 to $39,999	6
$40,000 to $49,999	9
$50,000 to $99,999	16
$100,000 to $249,999	24
$250,000 to $499,999	11
$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	20,524
Average per farm ($)	153,161
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	933
Average per farm ($)	6,960

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	104
Other	32
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	115
Female	21
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators [2] by race:	
White	211
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.
[3] Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.