

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mineral, Montana

Number of farms

85 farms in 2002, 89 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

16,277 acres in 2002, 19,707 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Average size of farm

191 acres in 2002, 221 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$734,000 in 2002, \$1,337,000 in 1997, down 45 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$179,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$555,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

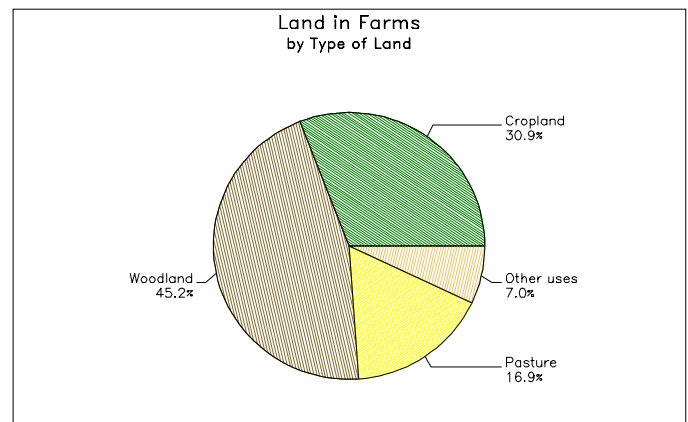
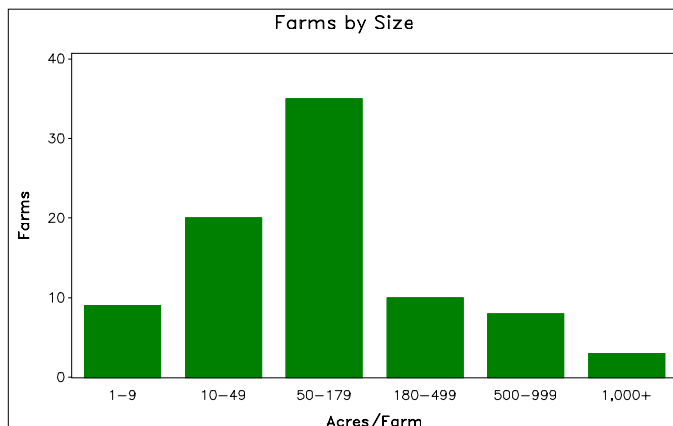
\$8,635 in 2002, \$15,020 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Government Payments

\$6,000 in 2002, \$21,000 in 1997, down 71 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$835 in 2002, \$1,154 in 1997, down 28 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	734	56	56	3,016	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	179	56	56	3,011	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	555	56	56	2,934	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	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	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	157	55	56	2,636	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	52	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	204	56	56	2,913	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	53	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	257	24	52	487	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Mink	9,954	1	4	37	117
Cattle and calves	938	56	56	2,928	3,059
Horses and ponies	375	55	56	2,428	3,065
Llamas	88	14	52	416	2,112
Sheep and lambs	71	55	56	2,392	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,502	56	56	2,665	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	53	54	(D)	2,517
Nursery stock	(D)	17	20	(D)	2,129
Oats ³	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,215
Barley ³	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	40	Farming	35
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	Male	76
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3	Female	9
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	White	133
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,384	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	16,094	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-279		
Average per farm (\$)	-3,239		

(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.