

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Musselshell, Montana

Number of farms

319 farms in 2002, 257 farms in 1997, up 24 percent.

Land in farms

1,033,572 acres in 2002, 916,317 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Average size of farm

3,240 acres in 2002, 3,565 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$15,752,000 in 2002, \$16,975,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,179,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,573,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

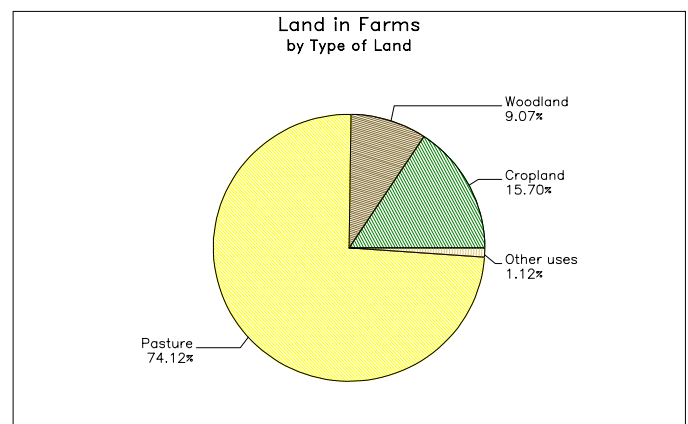
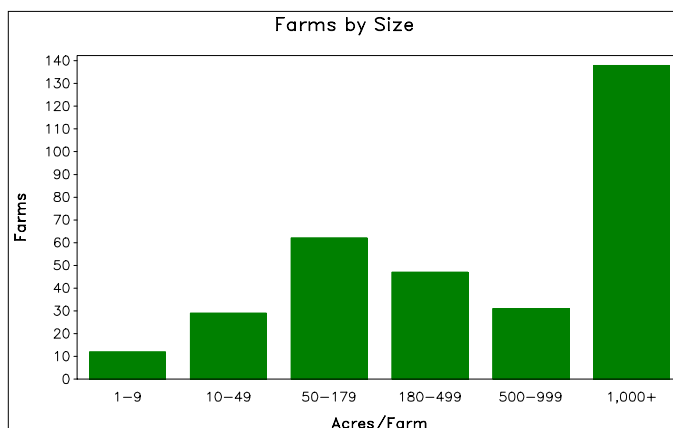
\$49,381 in 2002, \$66,051 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,126,000 in 2002, \$1,410,000 in 1997, up 51 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$19,325 in 2002, \$15,665 in 1997, up 23 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	15,752	45	56	2,246	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,179	44	56	2,478	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,573	35	56	1,627	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	743	43	55	1,864	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	16	33	41	2,383	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	800	10	41	1,197	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	620	44	56	1,696	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	38	52	2,461	2,918
Cattle and calves	12,859	31	56	812	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	473	15	56	195	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	180	26	56	1,210	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	29	43	52	1,365	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	36,699	30	56	860	3,059
Sheep and lambs	6,632	16	56	175	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,061	37	56	1,199	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	17	47	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	487	32	54	1,918	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,693	44	56	860	3,059
All Wheat for grain	15,777	32	54	507	2,517
Barley	784	48	55	324	1,246
Oats	701	25	55	667	2,215
Sunflower seed	(D)	1	7	(D)	746

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	131	Farming	220
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	99
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Male	270
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	49
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	509
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,199	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	57,592	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,193	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	3,776	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.