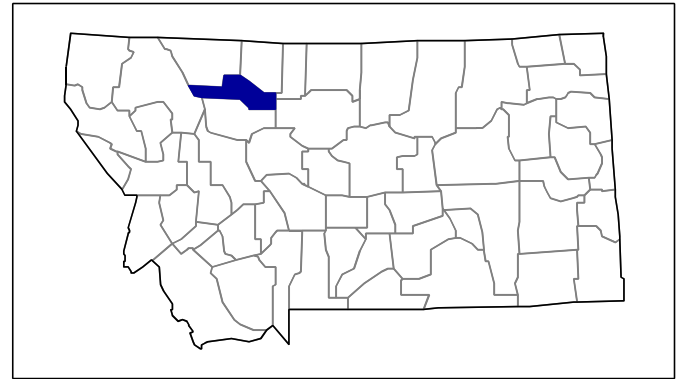




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Pondera, Montana

Number of farms

520 farms in 2002, 536 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

900,107 acres in 2002, 912,659 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

1,731 acres in 2002, 1,703 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$48,181,000 in 2002, \$61,030,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$31,052,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,129,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

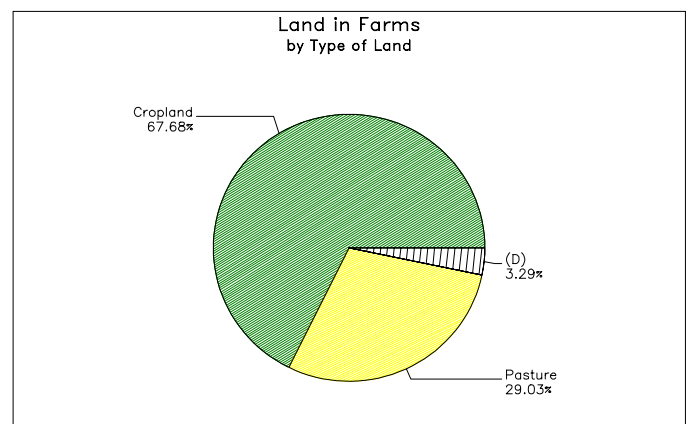
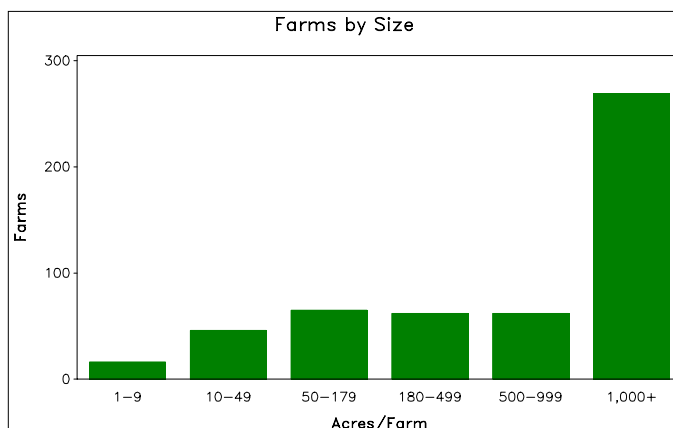
\$92,657 in 2002, \$113,862 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Government Payments

\$8,694,000 in 2002, \$6,643,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$23,819 in 2002, \$17,122 in 1997, up 39 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	48,181	13	56	1,212	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,052	8	56	840	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,129	26	56	1,430	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	28,259	7	55	511	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	87	16	41	1,785	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	2,706	21	56	469	3,046
Poultry and eggs	558	1	52	1,037	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,337	37	56	970	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,443	7	46	1,179	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,221	2	53	588	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	347	26	56	259	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	192	24	56	1,139	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,030	7	52	118	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	46,375	1	54	520	2,983
Cattle and calves	24,134	38	56	1,270	3,059
Hogs and pigs	16,507	2	52	578	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	7	47	(D)	2,599
Sheep and lambs	4,425	26	56	250	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	146,607	13	54	68	2,517
Barley	118,240	2	55	3	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	40,048	31	56	484	3,059
Canola	1,901	7	22	53	165
Dry edible peas	724	11	25	47	215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	101	Farming	394
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	126
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Male	481
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	39
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	107	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	White	754
\$500,000 or more	13	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,071	American Indian or Alaska Native	35
Average per farm (\$)	89,658	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,963	Asian	-
Average per farm (\$)	22,787	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(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.