

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Powder River, Montana

Number of farms

301 farms in 2002, 307 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

1,521,618 acres in 2002, 1,524,243 acres in 1997, down slightly.

Average size of farm

5,055 acres in 2002, 4,965 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$29,501,000 in 2002, \$26,809,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,124,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$28,377,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

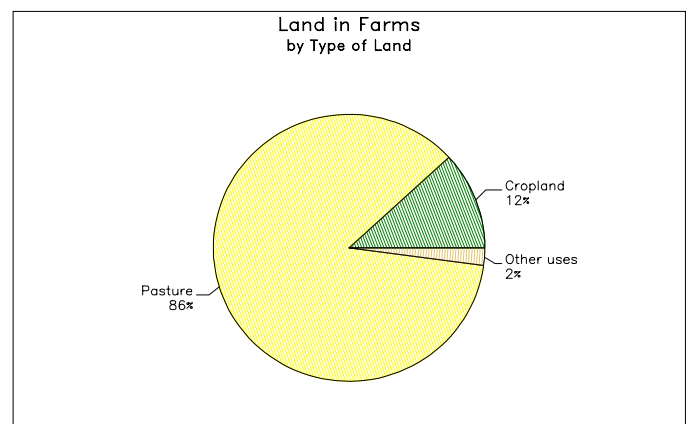
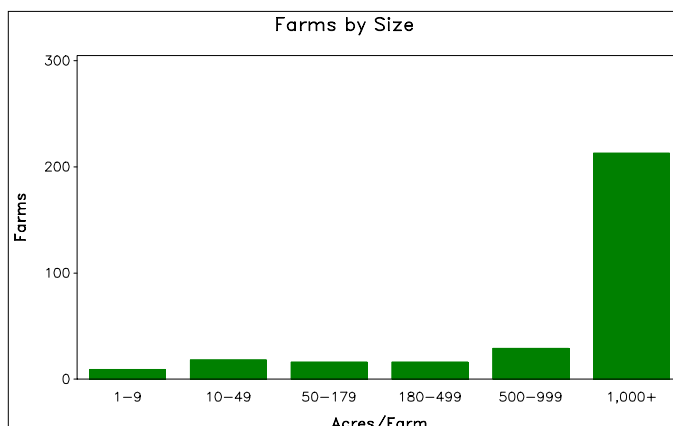
\$98,009 in 2002, \$87,327 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,666,000 in 2002, \$1,230,000 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,817 in 2002, \$8,782 in 1997, up 35 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	29,501	30	56	1,717	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,124	50	56	2,691	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	28,377	16	56	983	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	541	45	55	1,979	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	583	46	56	1,762	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	26,452	12	56	351	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	947	4	56	103	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	138	31	56	1,467	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	831	10	52	153	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	58,870	14	56	440	3,059
Sheep and lambs	11,856	6	56	106	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	8	44	-	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,422	27	56	822	3,065
Bison	(D)	8	46	(D)	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	44,193	29	56	404	3,059
All Wheat for grain	7,466	40	54	753	2,517
Barley	2,054	39	55	207	1,246
All Field and grass seed crops	415	16	40	250	1,293
Oats	291	40	55	1,111	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	43	Farming	235
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18	Other	66
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Male	270
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	71	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	White	500
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,243	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	96,831	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,552	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	11,761	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.