

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Powell, Montana

### Number of farms

274 farms in 2002, 261 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Land in farms

618,687 acres in 2002, 633,641 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

2,258 acres in 2002, 2,428 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$19,123,000 in 2002, \$17,906,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,714,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,409,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

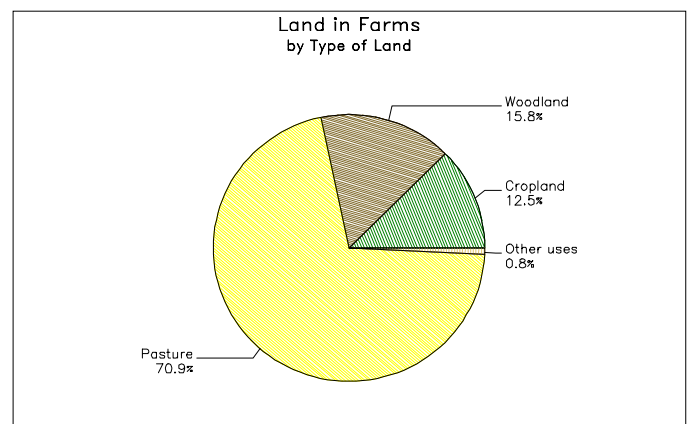
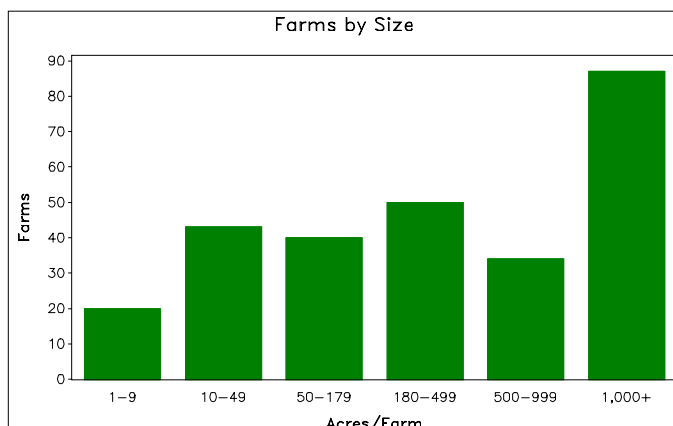
\$69,793 in 2002, \$68,605 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$302,000 in 2002, \$177,000 in 1997, up 71 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,794 in 2002, \$2,944 in 1997, up 63 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 56 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,123	40	56	2,130	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,714	41	56	2,383	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,409	29	56	1,469	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	187	50	55	2,245	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	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	2,126	25	56	595	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	35	52	2,382	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,755	26	56	710	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	50	44	56	1,258	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	123	35	52	783	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	42,635	24	56	711	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,477	25	56	780	3,065
Bison	1,195	5	46	40	1,321
Sheep and lambs	851	44	56	1,098	2,867
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	56,156	16	56	225	3,059
Barley	1,180	47	55	275	1,246
Oats	179	43	55	1,301	2,215
Potatoes	(D)	9	36	(D)	1,551
All Wheat for grain	(D)	54	54	(D)	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	77	Farming	177
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	97
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27	Male	237
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Female	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	White	432
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	5	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,685	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	73,875	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-855		
Average per farm (\$)	-3,053		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.