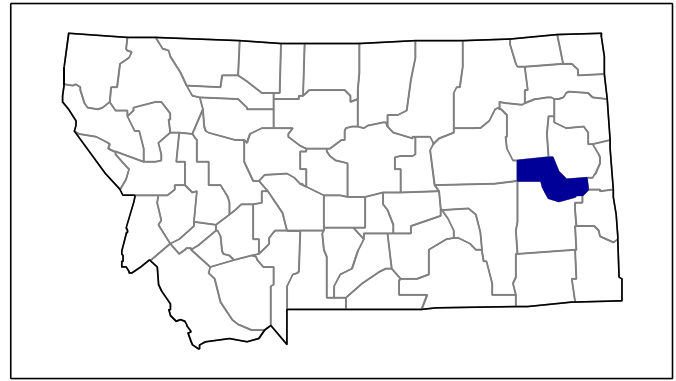




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Number of farms

162 farms in 2002, 162 farms in 1997, unchanged.

Land in farms

619,684 acres in 2002, 596,205 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

3,825 acres in 2002, 3,680 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$18,549,000 in 2002, \$20,000,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,435,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,114,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

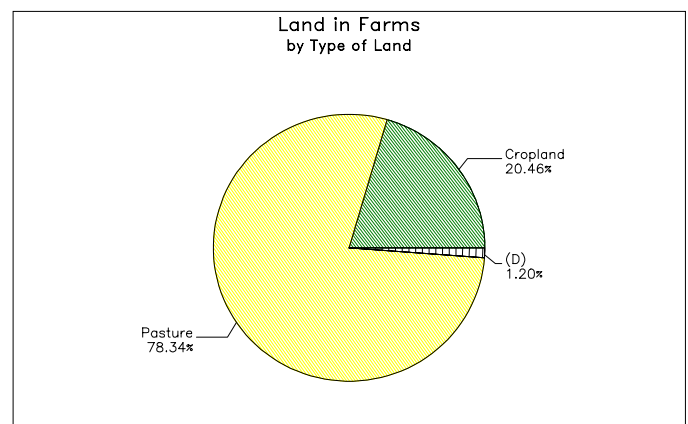
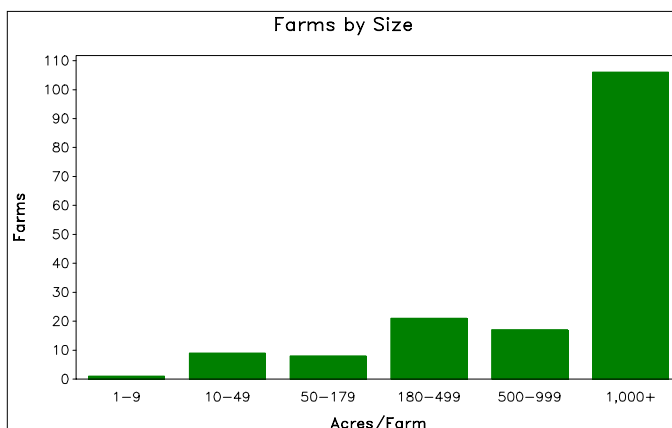
\$114,498 in 2002, \$123,456 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,890,000 in 2002, \$1,704,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,617 in 2002, \$14,947 in 1997, up 4 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	18,549	42	56	2,152	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,435	35	56	2,043	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,114	36	56	1,650	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,358	29	55	1,378	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	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	42	52	2,547	2,918
Cattle and calves	12,805	32	56	814	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	151	34	56	577	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	25	52	56	2,693	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	34,272	31	56	934	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,605	31	56	306	2,867
Horses and ponies	462	47	56	2,245	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	216	49	54	2,438	2,983
Hogs and pigs	(D)	38	52	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,950	48	56	1,103	3,059
All Wheat for grain	16,821	31	54	496	2,517
Barley	3,579	31	55	167	1,246
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	2,349	4	27	119	571
Sugarbeets for sugar	2,133	9	12	78	158

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	30	Farming	134
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2	Other	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	10	Male	143
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	263
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,880	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	103,560	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,010	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	30,738	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.