

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Ravalli, Montana

#### Number of farms

1,441 farms in 2002, 1,318 farms in 1997, up 9 percent.

#### Land in farms

245,133 acres in 2002, 198,386 acres in 1997, up 24 percent.

#### Average size of farm

170 acres in 2002, 151 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$28,642,000 in 2002, \$26,448,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,319,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,322,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

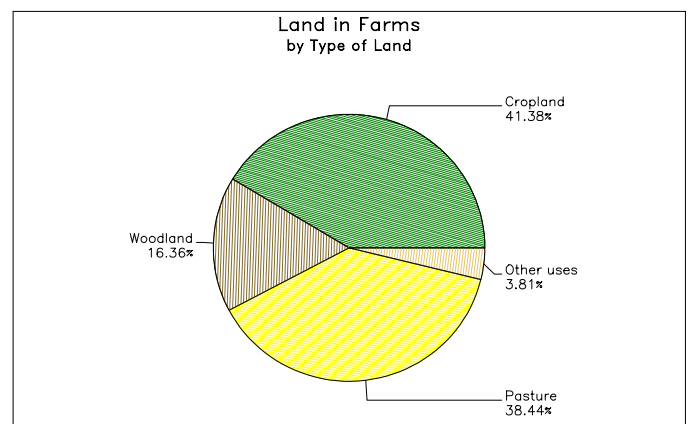
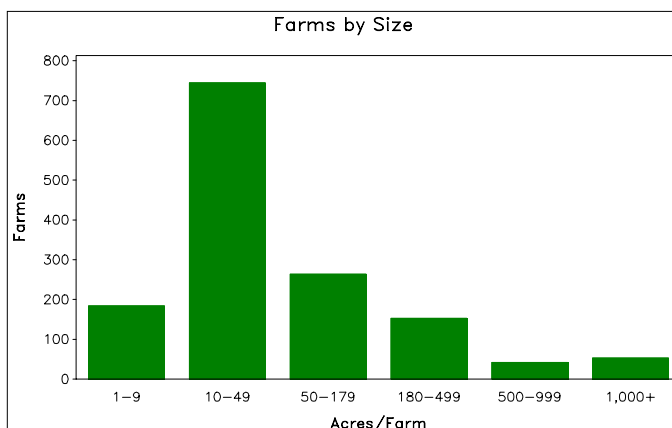
\$19,876 in 2002, \$20,067 in 1997, down 1 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$408,000 in 2002, \$217,000 in 1997, up 88 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,813 in 2002, \$2,468 in 1997, up 14 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	28,642	32	56	1,755	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,319	26	56	1,634	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,322	24	56	1,372	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	533	46	55	1,984	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	589	2	22	476	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,375	2	41	442	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,580	15	56	340	3,046
Poultry and eggs	124	14	52	1,270	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,968	34	56	860	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,624	2	46	750	2,493
Hogs and pigs	128	23	53	1,377	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	386	23	56	238	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	904	1	56	154	3,014
Aquaculture	40	10	14	730	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,147	5	52	103	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	33,846	32	56	947	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	2	26	(D)	1,541
Horses and ponies	4,927	1	56	57	3,065
Sheep and lambs	4,473	25	56	244	2,867
Colonies of bees	2,940	15	44	201	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	44,256	28	56	400	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,789	48	54	1,332	2,517
Barley	1,262	46	55	263	1,246
Oats	742	24	55	648	2,215
Corn for silage	292	16	29	1,626	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	469	Farming	745
\$1,000 to \$2,499	271	Other	696
\$2,500 to \$4,999	165	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	185	Male	1,166
\$10,000 to \$19,999	124	Female	275
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	61	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	White	2,144
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	American Indian or Alaska Native	25
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,424	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	22,611	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	31
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,810		
Average per farm (\$)	1,959		

(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.