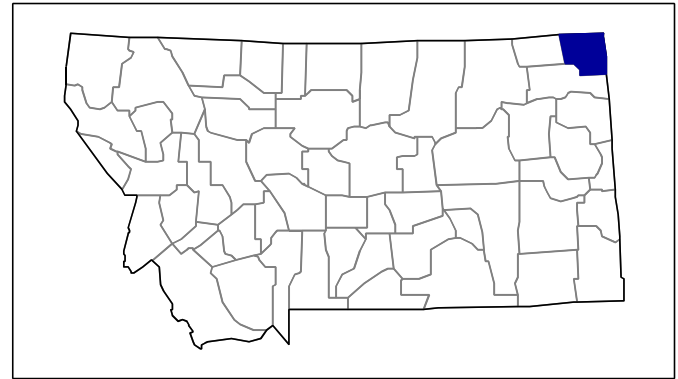




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Number of farms

626 farms in 2002, 645 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

1,046,892 acres in 2002, 1,040,802 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

1,672 acres in 2002, 1,614 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$43,089,000 in 2002, \$37,800,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$33,642,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,447,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

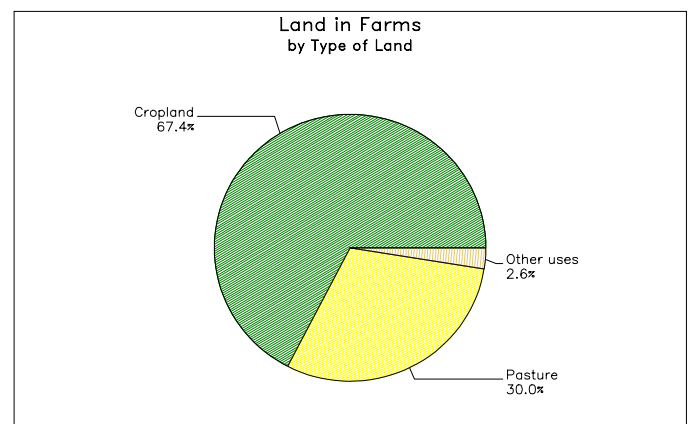
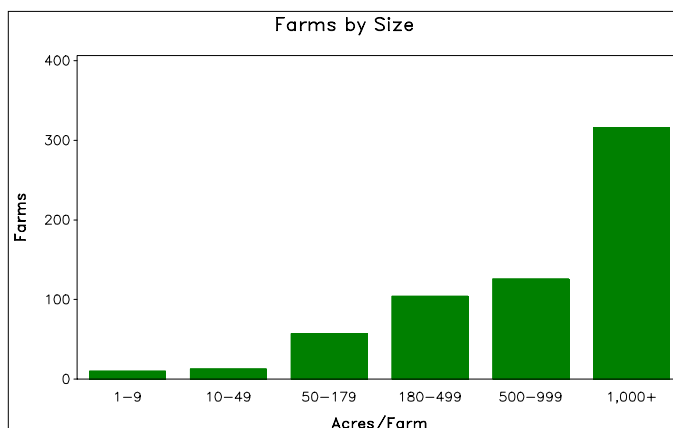
\$68,832 in 2002, \$58,605 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$7,533,000 in 2002, \$8,543,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,858 in 2002, \$14,704 in 1997, up 1 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	43,089	16	56	1,345	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,642	5	56	780	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,447	42	56	1,924	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	32,248	4	55	453	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	-	-	41	-	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	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,936	40	56	1,070	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	46	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	312	18	53	1,138	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	67	41	56	1,067	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	80	37	52	959	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,978	37	56	1,152	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,511	20	52	1,216	2,926
Sheep and lambs	1,119	41	56	897	2,867
Horses and ponies	415	48	56	2,335	3,065
Elk	379	4	29	57	783
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	329,295	3	54	10	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,780	30	56	410	3,059
Barley	12,878	17	55	87	1,246
Mustard seed	11,721	1	16	1	92
Canola	8,940	1	22	23	165

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	209	Farming	466
\$1,000 to \$2,499	11	Other	160
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	Male	541
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	85
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	97		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	99	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	36	White	831
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,005	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Average per farm (\$)	58,737	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,754	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	25,006	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.