

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Sweet Grass, Montana

Number of farms

357 farms in 2002, 340 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

Land in farms

867,058 acres in 2002, 837,768 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

2,429 acres in 2002, 2,464 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$16,678,000 in 2002, \$21,797,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,686,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,992,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

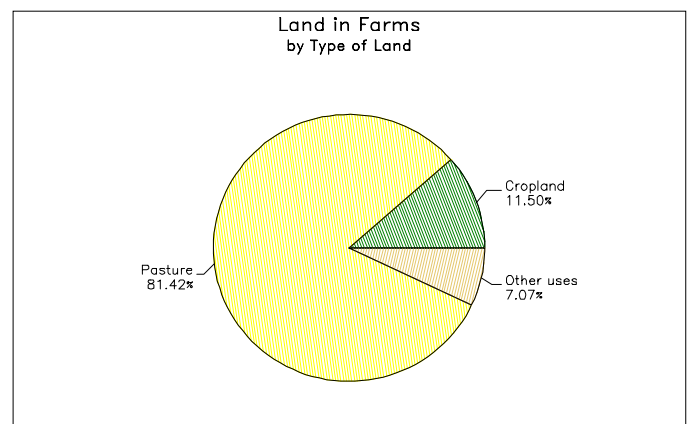
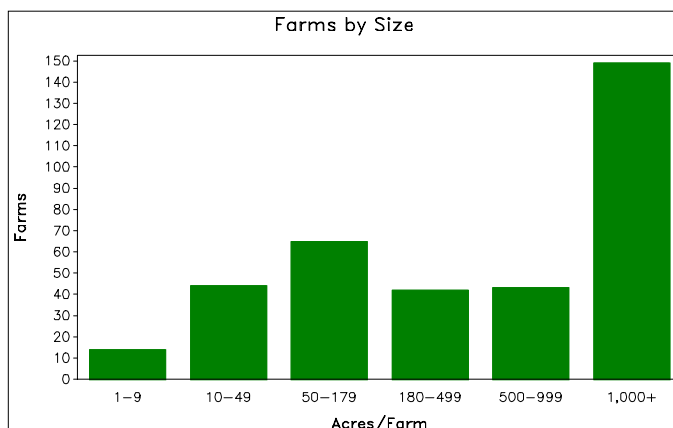
\$46,718 in 2002, \$64,110 in 1997, down 27 percent.

Government Payments

\$623,000 in 2002, \$472,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,507 in 2002, \$5,363 in 1997, up 40 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	16,678	44	56	2,218	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,686	46	56	2,564	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,992	32	56	1,546	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	383	47	55	2,074	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6	37	41	2,549	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	165	15	41	1,901	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,131	37	56	1,128	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	13,492	28	56	775	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	81	30	46	2,177	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	761	7	56	125	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	239	19	56	945	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	146	33	52	721	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	39,093	29	56	797	3,059
Sheep and lambs	8,705	10	56	136	2,867
Colonies of bees	2,594	16	44	231	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,823	18	56	555	3,065
Pheasants ³	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,165	25	56	363	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,847	46	54	1,149	2,517
Barley	2,691	34	55	194	1,246
Oats	1,358	9	55	399	2,215
Floriculture crops	(D)	9	13	(D)	1,801

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	113	Farming	205
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	152
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	319
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	38
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	546
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,402	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	48,745	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	294	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	825	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.

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