

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Valley, Montana

Number of farms

743 farms in 2002, 722 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

2,051,667 acres in 2002, 1,787,319 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Average size of farm

2,761 acres in 2002, 2,476 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$67,437,000 in 2002, \$49,150,000 in 1997, up 37 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$32,393,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$35,044,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

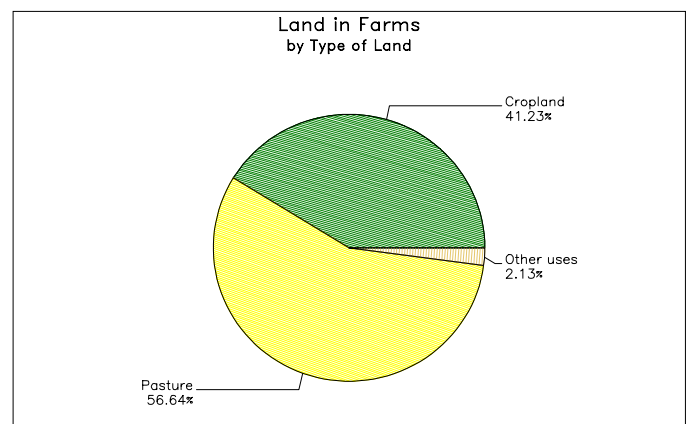
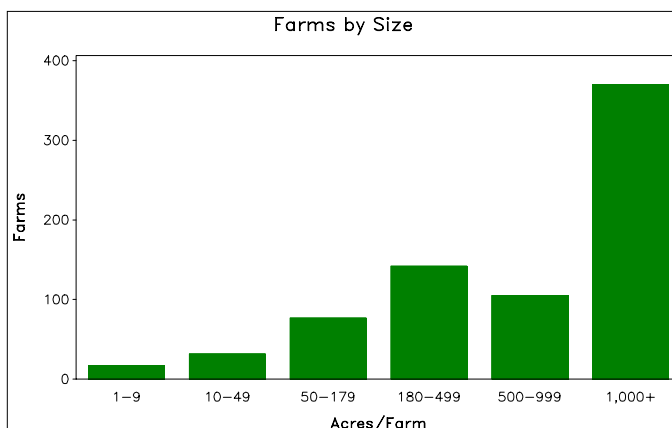
\$90,763 in 2002, \$68,075 in 1997, up 33 percent.

Government Payments

\$9,610,000 in 2002, \$8,658,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,284 in 2002, \$15,771 in 1997, up 10 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	67,437	5	56	844	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	32,393	7	56	806	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,044	8	56	828	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	28,922	5	55	502	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	40	52	2,478	2,918
Cattle and calves	33,908	7	56	257	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	534	11	56	178	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	123	34	56	1,577	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	414	20	52	336	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	81,852	6	56	210	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,800	23	56	234	2,867
Mink	(D)	2	4	(D)	117
Colonies of bees	(D)	23	44	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,146	32	56	1,098	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	304,374	5	54	14	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	88,600	5	56	63	3,059
Barley	10,556	23	55	101	1,246
Oats	3,214	2	55	143	2,215
Mustard seed	2,825	2	16	14	92

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	208	Farming	542
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	201
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Male	640
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	103
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	39	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	105		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	116	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	White	1,003
\$500,000 or more	16	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,003	American Indian or Alaska Native	30
Average per farm (\$)	79,842	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	21,429	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	28,997	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.