

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wheatland, Montana

Number of farms

163 farms in 2002, 158 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

841,643 acres in 2002, 829,044 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

5,163 acres in 2002, 5,247 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,930,000 in 2002, \$22,775,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,626,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,304,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

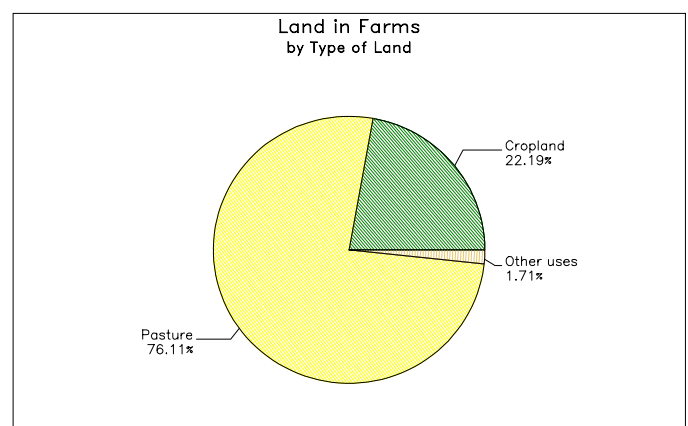
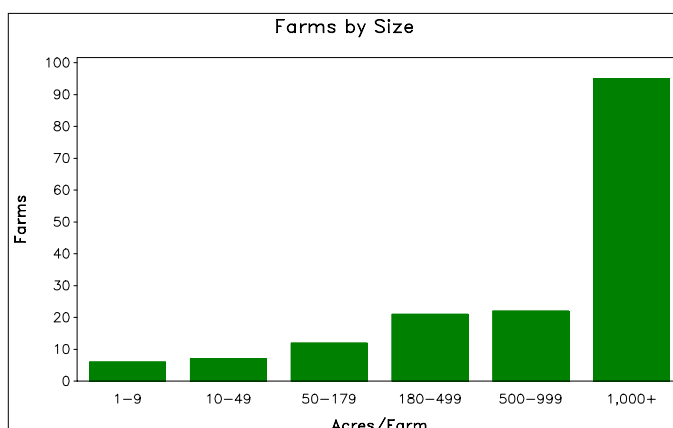
\$109,997 in 2002, \$144,145 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,916,000 in 2002, \$1,676,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$20,382 in 2002, \$17,826 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 ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	17,930	43	56	2,174	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,626	42	56	2,399	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,304	31	56	1,531	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,024	32	55	1,558	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	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	140	16	41	1,967	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	328	52	56	2,243	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,053	38	56	991	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,237	12	46	1,256	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,273	8	53	813	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,117	3	56	90	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	76	49	56	2,020	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	28,755	5	54	602	2,983
Cattle and calves	28,420	36	56	1,108	3,059
Sheep and lambs	15,857	3	56	80	2,867
Hogs and pigs	7,011	10	52	819	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	8	47	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	37,204	27	54	309	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	32,791	39	56	649	3,059
Barley	10,874	22	55	99	1,246
Oats	516	35	55	818	2,215
Corn for silage	(D)	24	29	(D)	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	38	Farming	110
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	53
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Male	140
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	257
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,147	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	105,198	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,469	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	21,283	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.