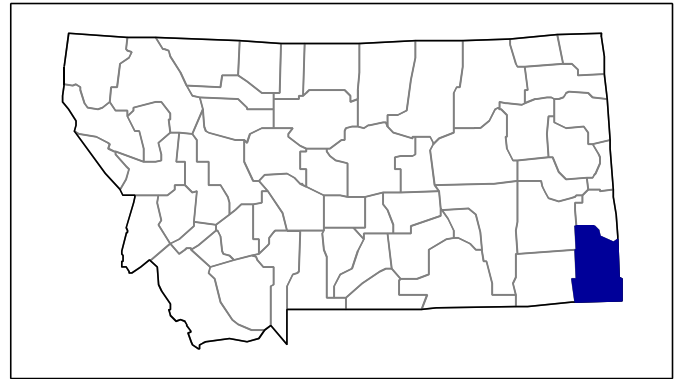




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Number of farms

289 farms in 2002, 312 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

1,666,922 acres in 2002, 1,554,031 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

5,768 acres in 2002, 4,981 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,432,000 in 2002, \$26,761,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,139,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$29,293,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

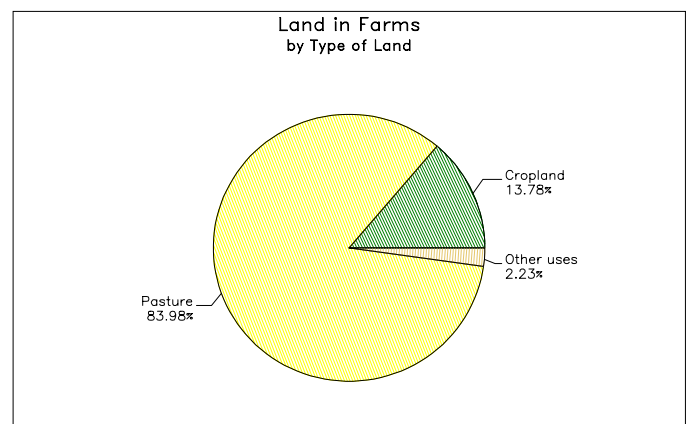
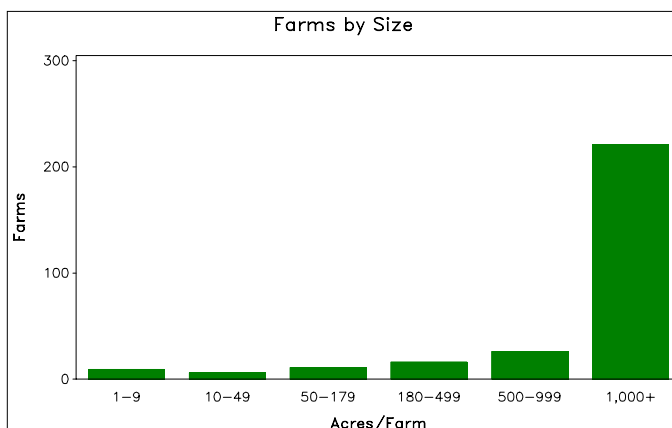
\$105,302 in 2002, \$85,772 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,954,000 in 2002, \$2,232,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,292 in 2002, \$11,747 in 1997, up 5 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	30,432	28	56	1,687	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,139	49	56	2,688	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,293	14	56	959	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	940	41	55	1,787	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	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	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	25,993	13	56	361	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	2,942	1	56	27	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	224	22	56	1,008	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	67	39	52	1,038	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	55,657	15	56	476	3,059
Sheep and lambs	39,618	1	56	24	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,079	36	56	1,178	3,065
Hogs and pigs	365	31	52	1,772	2,926
Bison	271	19	46	179	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,819	42	56	829	3,059
All Wheat for grain	12,713	34	54	561	2,517
Safflower	1,486	7	21	26	112
Barley	706	49	55	347	1,246
Flaxseed	586	6	16	56	117

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	239
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Male	259
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	89	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	486
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,285	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	91,586	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,211	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	21,642	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.