

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Chouteau, Montana

#### Number of farms

787 farms in 2002, 819 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

#### Land in farms

2,301,376 acres in 2002, 2,247,664 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

#### Average size of farm

2,924 acres in 2002, 2,744 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$55,644,000 in 2002, \$97,871,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$41,918,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,727,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

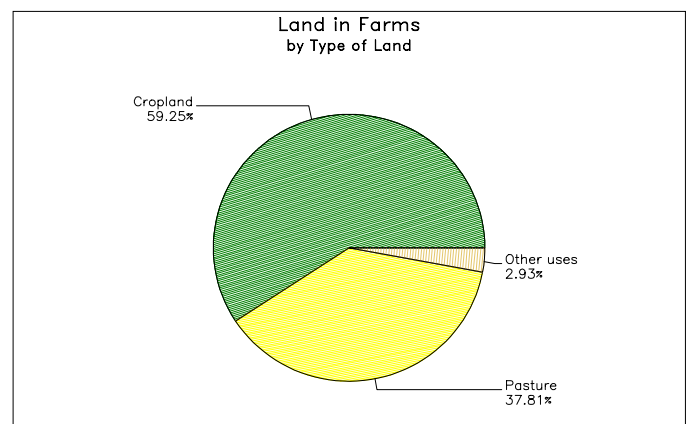
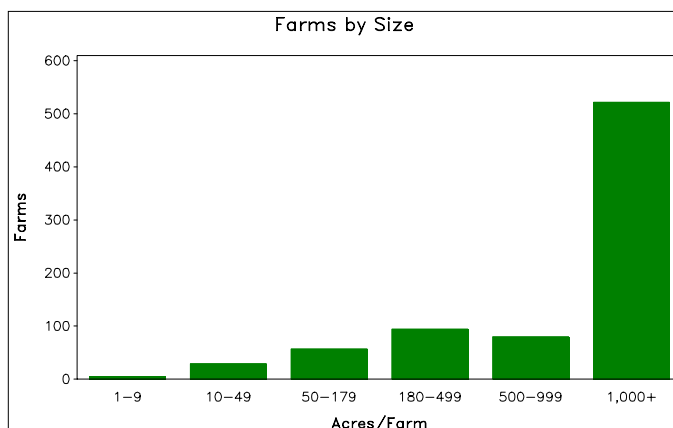
\$70,704 in 2002, \$119,501 in 1997, down 41 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$18,848,000 in 2002, \$16,608,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$29,496 in 2002, \$24,532 in 1997, up 20 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 56 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	55,644	9	56	1,032	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	41,918	1	56	600	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,727	34	56	1,614	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	38,734	1	55	359	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	(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	12,027	33	56	853	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	46	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,009	10	53	874	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	43	47	56	1,385	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	414	10	56	511	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	33,650	34	56	953	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	13	54	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	7,323	9	52	806	2,926
Colonies of bees	(D)	22	44	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,593	24	56	689	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	513,490	1	54	1	2,517
Barley	66,112	4	55	10	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	38,675	33	56	509	3,059
Safflower	1,927	5	21	23	112
Dry edible peas	1,121	7	25	34	215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	231	Farming	666
\$1,000 to \$2,499	17	Other	121
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Male	699
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	88
\$25,000 to \$39,999	57		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	41	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	136		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	129	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32	White	1,175
\$500,000 or more	15	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,332	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Average per farm (\$)	90,753	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,311	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	20,752	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	20

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.