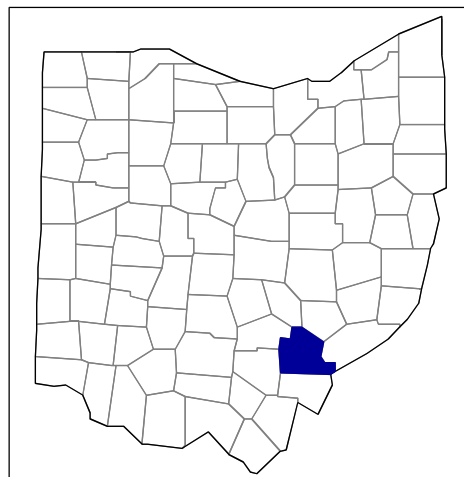# 2002 Census of Agriculture
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Number of farms
673 farms in 2002, 597 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

Land in farms
104,816 acres in 2002, 94,824 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm
156 acres in 2002, 159 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production
$7,959,000 in 2002, $6,451,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $3,501,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $4,458,000 of the total value in 2002.
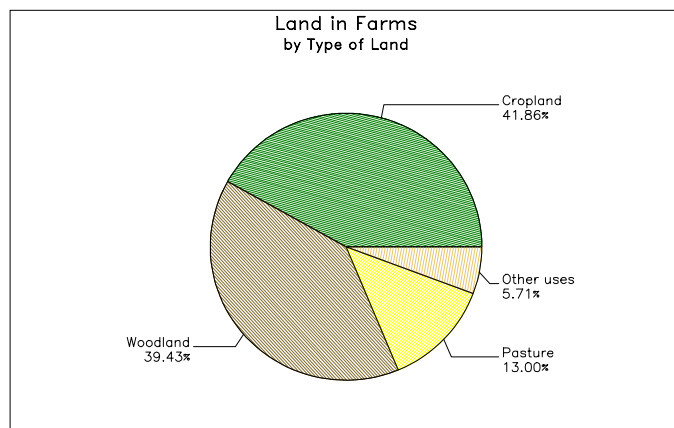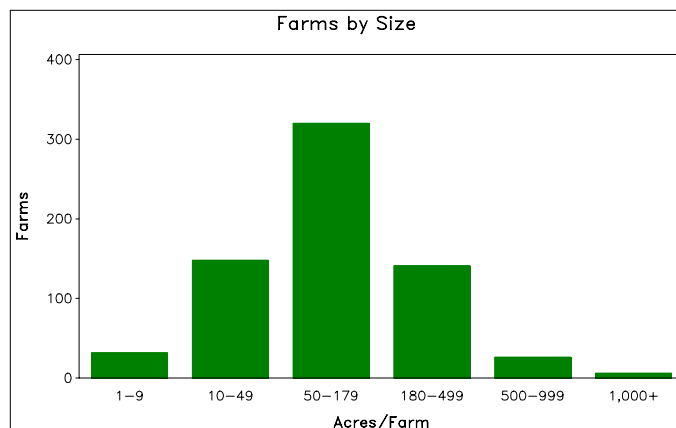
Market Value of Production, average per farm
$11,826 in 2002, $10,806 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments
$304,000 in 2002, $206,000 in 1997, up 48 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$2,100 in 2002, $2,001 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 41.86%
Other uses 5.71%
Pasture 13.00%
Woodland 39.43%

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Ranked items among the 88 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	7,959	81	88	2,599	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,501	78	88	2,263	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,458	70	88	2,397	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	567	78	88	1,963	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	24	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	355	54	88	1,123	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	66	68	88	1,453	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	815	59	87	1,184	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	771	2	81	65	1,774
Other crops and hay	927	49	88	1,311	3,046
Poultry and eggs	14	72	88	1,868	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,632	71	88	2,297	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,262	55	87	969	2,493
Hogs and pigs	72	74	88	1,573	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	133	28	88	641	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	241	45	88	936	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	39	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	104	30	88	839	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	10,148	53	88	2,035	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,886	28	88	589	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,640	44	88	1,084	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,465	37	88	792	3,065
Hogs and pigs	734	71	88	1,455	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,323	23	88	1,135	3,059
Corn for grain	1,483	79	88	1,670	2,592
Soybeans	1,355	78	88	1,472	2,076
Corn for silage	779	62	87	1,223	2,307
All Wheat for grain	680	71	88	1,681	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	261
$1,000 to $2,499	105
$2,500 to $4,999	92
$5,000 to $9,999	79
$10,000 to $19,999	63
$20,000 to $24,999	8
$25,000 to $39,999	20
$40,000 to $49,999	3
$50,000 to $99,999	26
$100,000 to $249,999	8
$250,000 to $499,999	8
$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	7,126
Average per farm ($)	10,573
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	1,219
Average per farm ($)	1,809

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	320
Other	353
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	579
Female	94
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
All operators [2] by race:	
White	979
Black or African American	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	6
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.