



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Ross, Ohio



Number of farms

952 farms in 2002, 1,039 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

246,690 acres in 2002, 264,949 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

259 acres in 2002, 255 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$37,468,000 in 2002, \$47,344,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

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

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,468,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

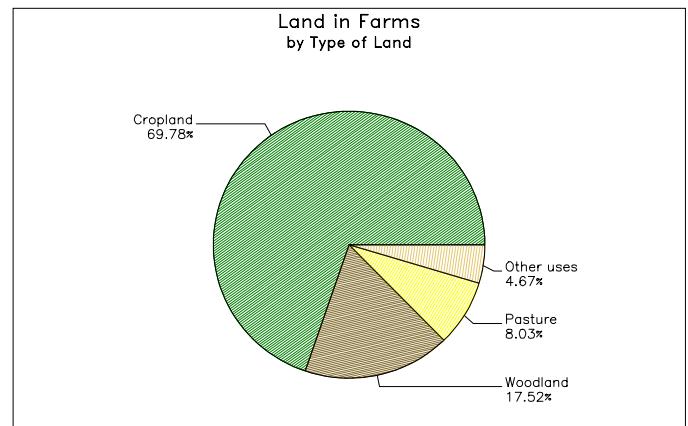
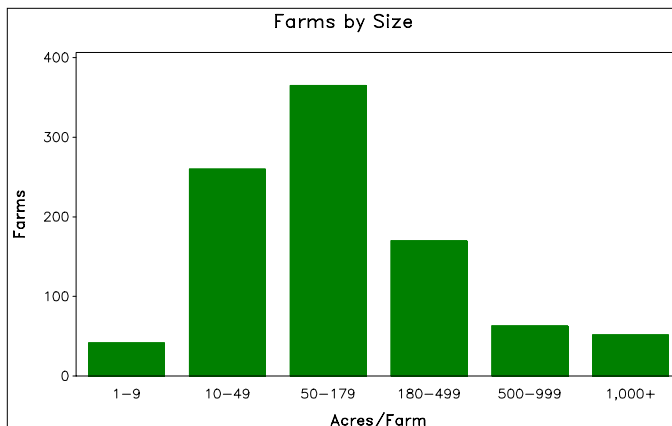
\$39,357 in 2002, \$45,567 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,010,000 in 2002, \$3,091,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,150 in 2002, \$6,283 in 1997, up 14 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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 | 37,468 | 50 | 88 | 1,498 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 29,000 | 38 | 88 | 885 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 8,468 | 59 | 88 | 2,000 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 26,423 | 29 | 88 | 539 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | (D) | (D) | 24 | (D) | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 190 | 69 | 88 | 1,397 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 88 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 846 | 57 | 87 | 1,166 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 81 | (D) | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,339 | 28 | 88 | 986 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 88 | (D) | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | (D) | (D) | 88 | (D) | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 2,477 | 49 | 87 | 928 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 415 | 57 | 88 | 1,080 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 113 | 33 | 88 | 736 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 278 | 40 | 88 | 797 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 39 | - | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 88 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 16,434 | 28 | 88 | 1,653 | 3,059 |
| Hogs and pigs | 3,983 | 54 | 88 | 939 | 2,926 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 1,925 | 41 | 88 | 1,026 | 2,983 |
| Sheep and lambs | 1,666 | 36 | 88 | 655 | 2,867 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,245 | 45 | 88 | 991 | 3,065 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Soybeans | 63,491 | 39 | 88 | 465 | 2,076 |
| Corn for grain | 48,830 | 29 | 88 | 506 | 2,592 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 18,027 | 29 | 88 | 1,201 | 3,059 |
| All Wheat for grain | 17,019 | 17 | 88 | 493 | 2,517 |
| Corn for silage | 1,131 | 54 | 87 | 1,051 | 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 | 297 | Farming | 503 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 138 | Other | 449 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 122 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 93 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 85 | Male | 873 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 18 | Female | 79 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 38 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 15 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.2 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 51 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 59 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 25 | White | 1,272 |
| \$500,000 or more | 11 | Black or African American | 8 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 36,194 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 3 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 38,140 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 7,162 | More than one race | 6 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 7,547 | 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.