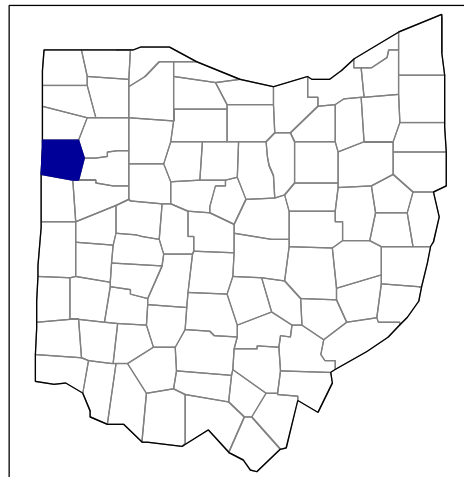




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Number of farms

681 farms in 2002, 762 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

250,224 acres in 2002, 242,047 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

367 acres in 2002, 318 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$59,057,000 in 2002, \$73,869,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$48,278,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,779,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

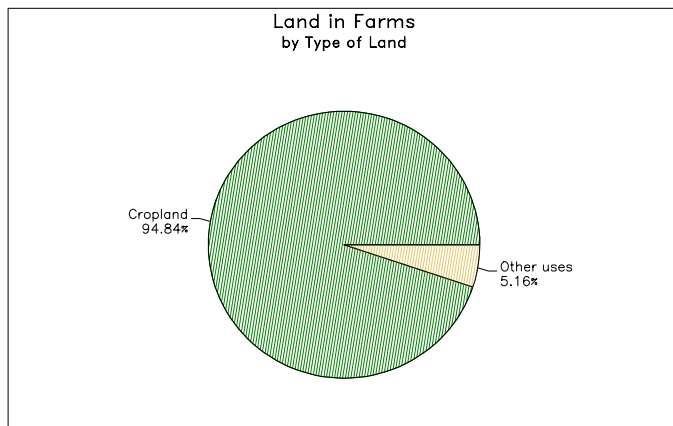
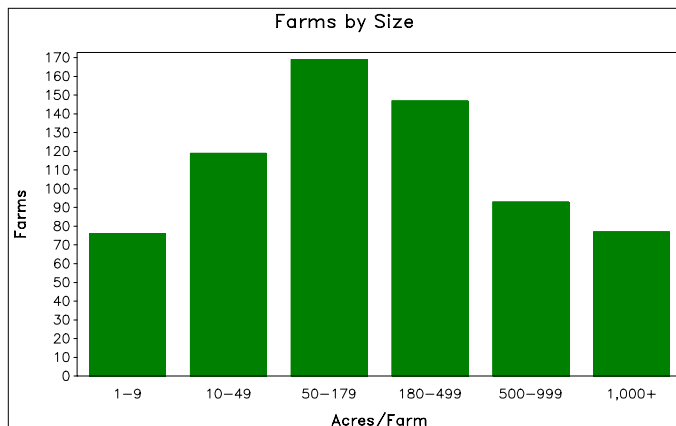
\$86,721 in 2002, \$96,941 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,468,000 in 2002, \$2,876,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,121 in 2002, \$5,365 in 1997, up 51 percent.



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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	59,057	22	88	972	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	48,278	9	88	496	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,779	46	88	1,818	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	47,435	3	88	268	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	24	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	18	86	88	2,352	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	102	52	88	1,234	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	81	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	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	4,132	33	87	709	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,128	34	88	699	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	67	54	88	1,074	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	43	87	88	2,425	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	39	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	75	41	88	983	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	11	88	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	10,679	35	88	696	2,926
Cattle and calves	4,931	71	88	2,530	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	9	71	(D)	1,541
Sheep and lambs	1,134	54	88	886	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	121,100	7	88	161	2,076
Corn for grain	67,552	13	88	368	2,592
Popcorn	22,272	1	46	1	412
All Wheat for grain	17,093	16	88	491	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,701	78	88	2,484	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	70	Farming	434
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39	Other	247
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	92	Male	659
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Female	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	98		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	110	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52	White	940
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,268	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	72,240	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,402	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	24,049	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.