

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Malheur, Oregon

Number of farms

1,272 farms in 2002, 1,320 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

1,175,280 acres in 2002, 1,252,746 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

924 acres in 2002, 949 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$231,675,000 in 2002, \$213,242,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$110,997,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$120,678,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

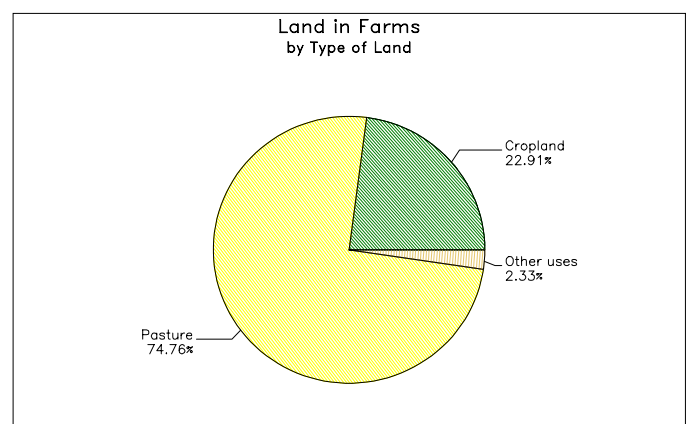
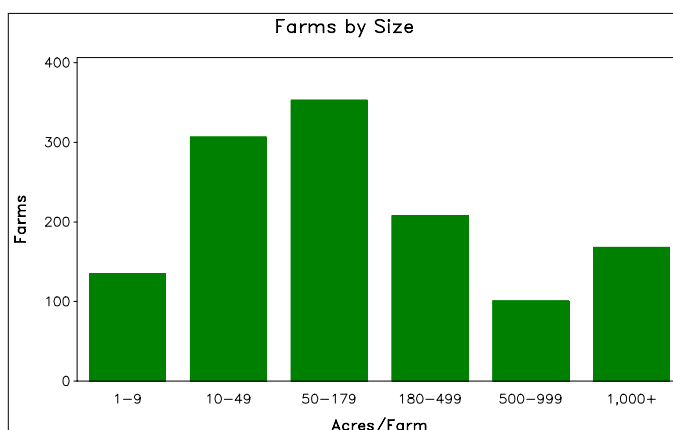
\$182,134 in 2002, \$161,547 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,872,000 in 2002, \$1,982,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,961 in 2002, \$4,139 in 1997, up 44 percent.



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Ranked items among the 36 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	231,675	5	36	118	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	110,997	6	36	104	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	120,678	2	36	154	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,812	2	31	763	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	59,615	3	34	40	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	258	22	33	788	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	32	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	25	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	20	24	36	1,716	2,918
Cattle and calves	110,341	1	36	53	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,920	10	31	411	2,493
Hogs and pigs	38	16	36	1,793	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	433	11	36	209	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	521	14	36	366	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	404	12	35	342	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	191,218	1	36	38	3,059
Sheep and lambs	7,668	7	36	150	2,867
Horses and ponies	4,498	5	36	74	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	6	30	(D)	2,392
All Goats	2,090	4	36	174	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	94,637	4	36	47	3,059
All Wheat for grain	31,998	6	29	345	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	14,269	3	34	49	2,710
Dry onions	13,817	1	25	1	853
Corn for grain	12,826	1	14	958	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	178	Farming	881
\$1,000 to \$2,499	121	Other	391
\$2,500 to \$4,999	108	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	121	Male	1,166
\$10,000 to \$19,999	118	Female	106
\$20,000 to \$24,999	39	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	87	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	44	White	1,935
\$50,000 to \$99,999	124	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	145	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
\$250,000 to \$499,999	92	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	95	Asian	77
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	199,113	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	156,535	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	88
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	37,053		
Average per farm (\$)	29,130		

(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.