

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Wheeler, Oregon

#### Number of farms

164 farms in 2002, 179 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

#### Land in farms

738,207 acres in 2002, 694,696 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

#### Average size of farm

4,501 acres in 2002, 3,881 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$6,257,000 in 2002, \$6,725,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$620,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,637,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

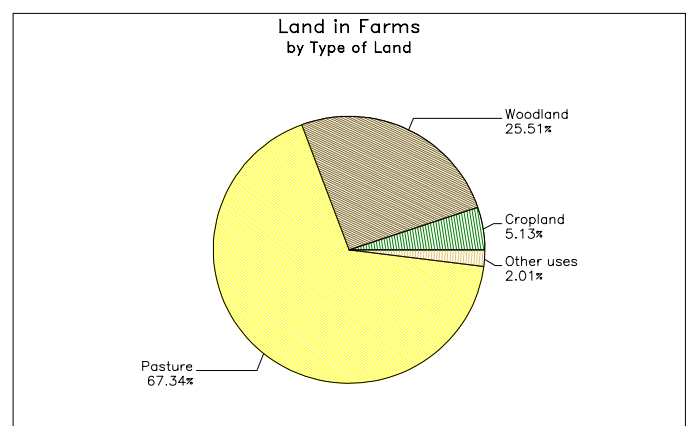
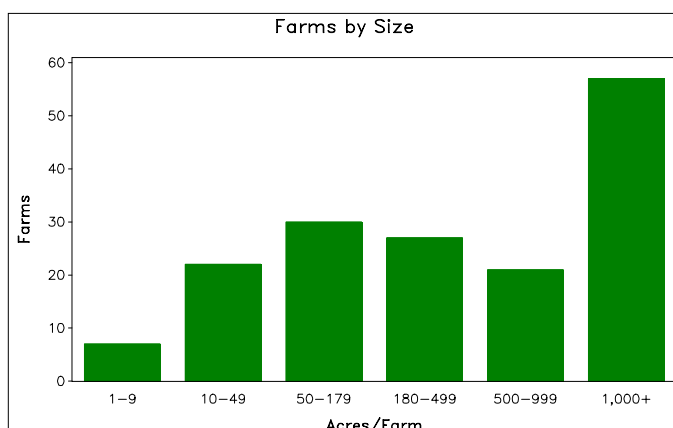
\$38,152 in 2002, \$37,569 in 1997, up 2 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$226,000 in 2002, \$509,000 in 1997, down 56 percent.

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

\$10,293 in 2002, \$16,423 in 1997, down 37 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 36 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	6,257	36	36	2,701	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	620	36	36	2,861	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,637	29	36	2,279	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	62	26	31	2,490	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	17	29	33	2,011	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	522	29	36	1,864	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,563	21	36	1,434	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	31	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	32	36	2,335	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	10	33	36	2,273	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	41	34	36	2,458	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	35	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	20,533	22	36	1,434	3,059
Horses and ponies	574	30	36	2,000	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	374	32	36	2,120	2,983
Sheep and lambs	190	33	36	1,986	2,867
Pheasants	(D)	21	31	(D)	1,541
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,260	23	36	1,567	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	25	29	(D)	2,517
Triticale	(D)	4	16	(D)	180
Barley	(D)	25	28	(D)	1,246
Oats	(D)	25	31	(D)	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	41	Farming	113
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30	Other	51
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Male	142
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	255
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,243	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	43,371	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	182	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,087	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.