

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Columbia, Oregon

#### Number of farms

878 farms in 2002, 851 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

#### Land in farms

62,398 acres in 2002, 72,700 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

#### Average size of farm

71 acres in 2002, 85 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$28,760,000 in 2002, \$25,305,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$23,741,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,020,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

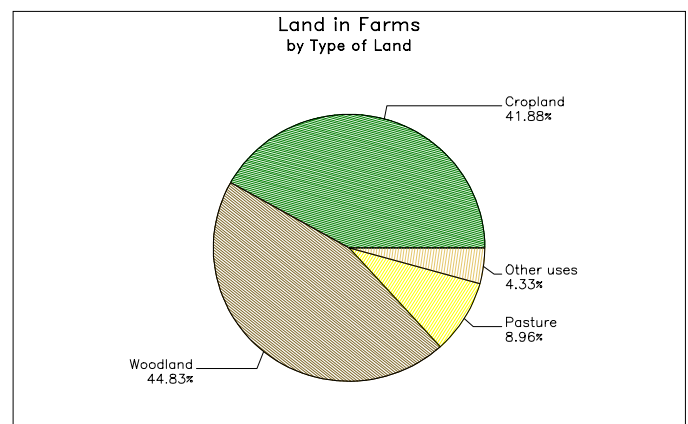
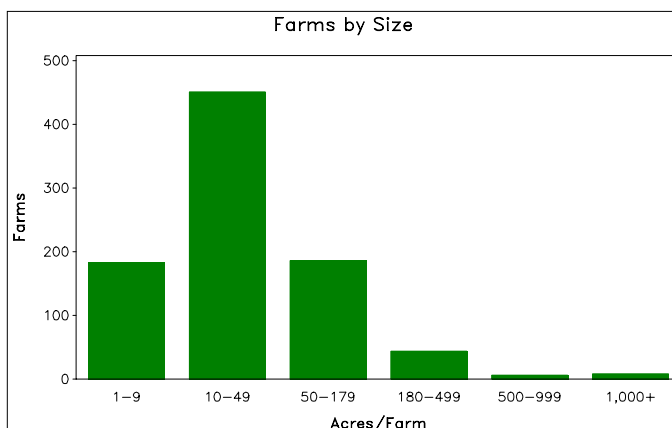
\$32,757 in 2002, \$29,736 in 1997, up 10 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$119,000 in 2002, \$94,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

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

\$4,953 in 2002, \$2,834 in 1997, up 75 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	28,760	25	36	1,744	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,741	20	36	1,043	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,020	31	36	2,347	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	161	25	31	2,278	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	95	29	34	1,750	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	785	20	33	411	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	32	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	25	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	42	18	36	1,508	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,468	26	36	1,798	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	808	21	31	1,457	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	117	22	36	722	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	299	23	36	731	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	262	14	35	480	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	9,963	28	36	2,048	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,531	20	36	441	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,064	13	36	990	2,983
Rabbits	(D)	4	29	(D)	1,966
Pheasants	(D)	6	31	(D)	1,541
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,945	25	36	1,683	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	2	26	(D)	1,262
Cut Christmas trees	747	10	29	123	1,877
Nursery stock	(D)	6	29	(D)	2,129
Corn for silage	(D)	16	24	(D)	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	273	Farming	407
\$1,000 to \$2,499	251	Other	471
\$2,500 to \$4,999	136		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	102	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	46	Male	725
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	153
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	White	1,378
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,435	American Indian or Alaska Native	25
Average per farm (\$)	31,354	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,848	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	3,254	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	35

(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.