

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Erie, Pennsylvania

### Number of farms

1,283 farms in 2002, 1,490 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Land in farms

166,130 acres in 2002, 187,370 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Average size of farm

129 acres in 2002, 126 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$64,390,000 in 2002, \$72,714,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$41,994,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,397,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

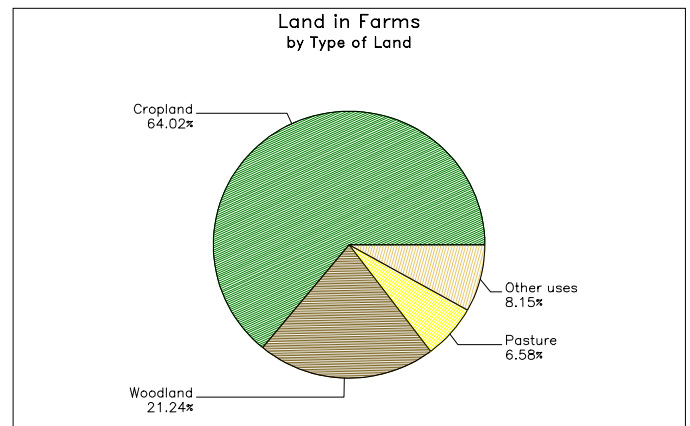
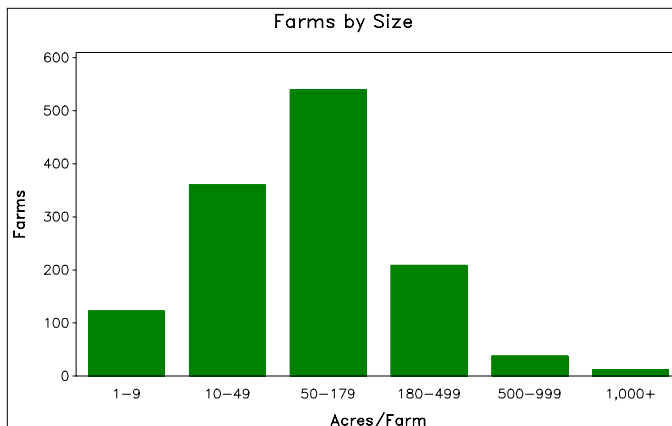
\$50,187 in 2002, \$48,802 in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,488,000 in 2002, \$674,000 in 1997, up 121 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,927 in 2002, \$2,665 in 1997, up 122 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 67 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	64,390	16	67	894	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	41,994	7	67	597	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,397	29	66	1,204	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,136	18	65	1,310	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,626	4	67	285	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19,841	2	66	81	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,195	12	66	233	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	54	51	66	624	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,142	36	66	1,119	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,176	29	66	1,670	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	16,939	24	65	248	2,493
Hogs and pigs	264	32	66	1,185	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	33	47	66	1,560	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	281	18	65	791	3,014
Aquaculture	327	13	60	339	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	21,740	25	66	1,367	3,059
Mink	(D)	3	6	(D)	117
Horses and ponies	1,941	16	66	518	3,065
Hogs and pigs	1,752	35	65	1,169	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,187	54	67	1,261	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	33,227	27	66	638	3,059
Corn for grain	17,539	16	66	854	2,592
Grapes	11,171	1	59	20	1,830
Soybeans	7,947	19	58	1,092	2,076
Corn for silage	4,991	29	65	369	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	312
\$1,000 to \$2,499	166
\$2,500 to \$4,999	135
\$5,000 to \$9,999	124
\$10,000 to \$19,999	122
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	66
\$40,000 to \$49,999	41
\$50,000 to \$99,999	120
\$100,000 to \$249,999	115
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,896
Average per farm (\$)	36,609
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,599
Average per farm (\$)	16,080

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	712
Other	571
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,139
Female	144
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,878
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.