2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Fayette, Pennsylvania

Number of farms
978 farms in 2002, 1,006 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms
125,034 acres in 2002, 119,562 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Average size of farm
128 acres in 2002, 119 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production
$21,344,000 in 2002, $20,635,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $8,795,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $12,549,000 of the total value in 2002.

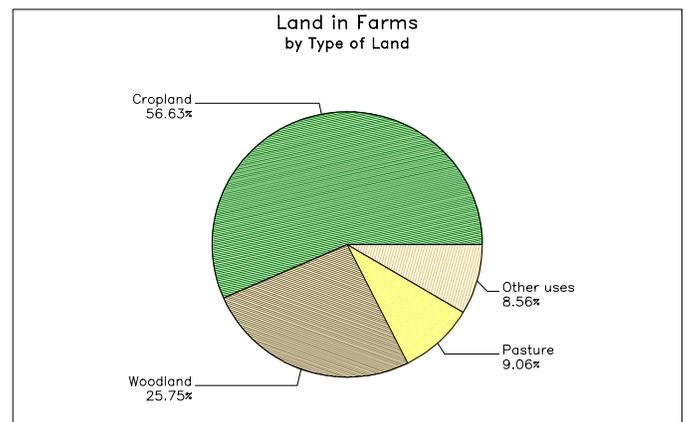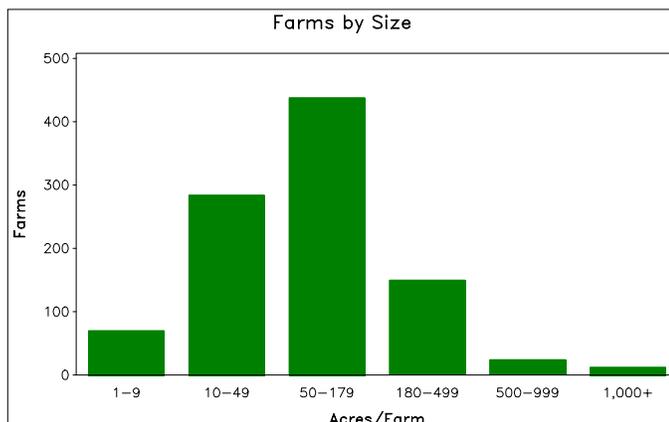**Market Value of Production, average per farm**
$21,824 in 2002, $20,512 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments
$738,000 in 2002, $302,000 in 1997, up 144 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$6,475 in 2002, $2,159 in 1997, up 200 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 56.63%
Other uses 8.56%
Pasture 9.06%
Woodland 25.75%

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Ranked items among the 67 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	21,344	46	67	2,041	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,795	34	67	1,750	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,549	42	66	1,685	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,426	37	65	1,678	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,225	31	67	699	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	197	45	66	908	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,436	31	66	904	3,046
Poultry and eggs	253	38	66	1,174	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,507	40	66	2,018	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,978	37	65	410	2,493
Hogs and pigs	210	40	66	1,248	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	82	34	66	927	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	195	22	65	1,133	3,014
Aquaculture	202	17	60	430	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	122	30	66	784	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	19,634	29	66	1,477	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	4	60	(D)	1,541
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,532	41	67	849	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,923	17	66	527	3,065
Quail [3]	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	37,150	21	66	546	3,059
Corn for grain	7,588	36	66	1,133	2,592
Corn for silage	3,434	39	65	506	2,307
Oats	1,195	38	64	436	2,215
Soybeans	1,134	42	58	1,503	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	391
$1,000 to $2,499	157
$2,500 to $4,999	129
$5,000 to $9,999	92
$10,000 to $19,999	71
$20,000 to $24,999	20
$25,000 to $39,999	24
$40,000 to $49,999	15
$50,000 to $99,999	33
$100,000 to $249,999	29
$250,000 to $499,999	15
$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	20,267
Average per farm ($)	20,722
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	3,737
Average per farm ($)	3,821

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	468
Other	510
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	876
Female	102
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
All operators [2] by race:	
White	1,379
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.
  [3] Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.