

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Lackawanna, Pennsylvania

### Number of farms

289 farms in 2002, 325 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Land in farms

32,931 acres in 2002, 33,960 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

114 acres in 2002, 104 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$13,531,000 in 2002, \$13,598,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,889,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,642,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

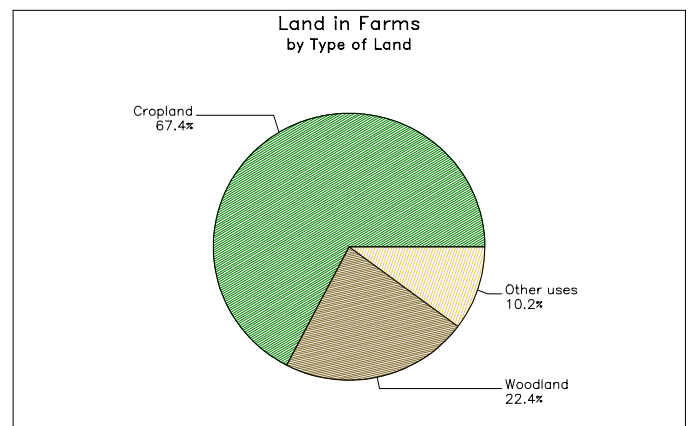
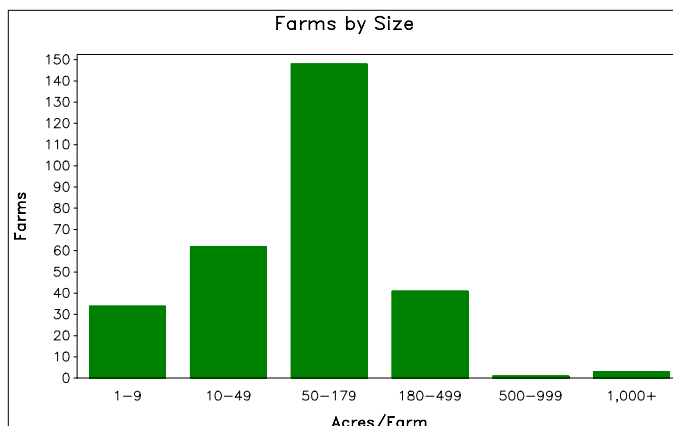
\$46,820 in 2002, \$41,842 in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$164,000 in 2002, \$91,000 in 1997, up 80 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,099 in 2002, \$1,776 in 1997, up 131 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                               | 13,531   | 50         | 67                    | 2,332     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 8,889    | 31         | 67                    | 1,740     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 4,642    | 56         | 66                    | 2,381     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | (D)      | (D)        | 65                    | (D)       | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | 19                    | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 3,832    | 10         | 67                    | 368       | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 668      | 25         | 66                    | 446       | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 3,262    | 28         | 66                    | 610       | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | (D)      | (D)        | 66                    | (D)       | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 618      | 53         | 66                    | 1,701     | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 66                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | (D)      | (D)        | 66                    | (D)       | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 3,110    | 55         | 65                    | 821       | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 7        | 63         | 66                    | 2,401     | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | (D)      | (D)        | 66                    | (D)       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 477      | 11         | 65                    | 413       | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 60                    | -         | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 66                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Turkeys   | (D)      | 21         | 61                    | (D)       | 2,328                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,123    | 56         | 66                    | 2,609     | 3,059                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 670      | 60         | 67                    | 1,682     | 2,983                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 452      | 58         | 66                    | 2,262     | 3,065                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 166      | 60         | 67                    | 2,050     | 2,867                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 12,699   | 51         | 66                    | 1,530     | 3,059                 |
| Corn for grain  | 930      | 58         | 66                    | 1,817     | 2,592                 |
| All Vegetables harvested  | 903      | 18         | 67                    | 465       | 2,710                 |
| Corn for silage   | 719      | 58         | 65                    | 1,248     | 2,307                 |
| Cut Christmas trees   | 539      | 27         | 66                    | 173       | 1,877                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 80       |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 43       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 34       |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 24       |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 24       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 12       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 6        |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 11       |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 22       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 28       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 3        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 2        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 10,605   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 36,697   |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 3,706    |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 12,823   |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 165      |
| Other   | 124      |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 265      |
| Female  | 24       |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 58.4     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 420      |
| Black or African American   | -        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | -        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | -        |
| More than one race  | -        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 8        |

(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.