

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Beaver, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

645 farms in 2002, 737 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

62,801 acres in 2002, 64,906 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

97 acres in 2002, 88 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$10,828,000 in 2002, \$13,521,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,915,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,914,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

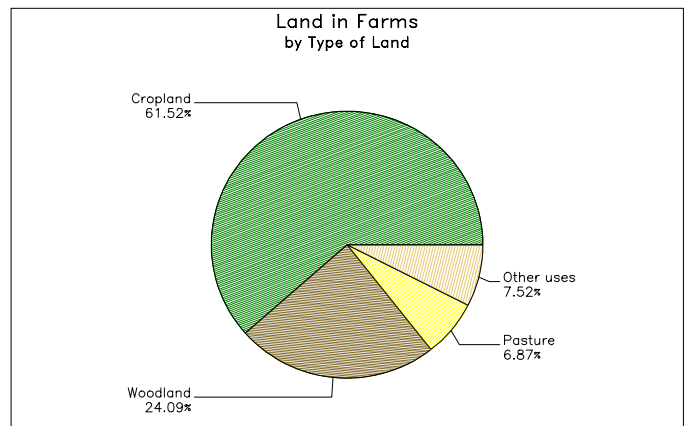
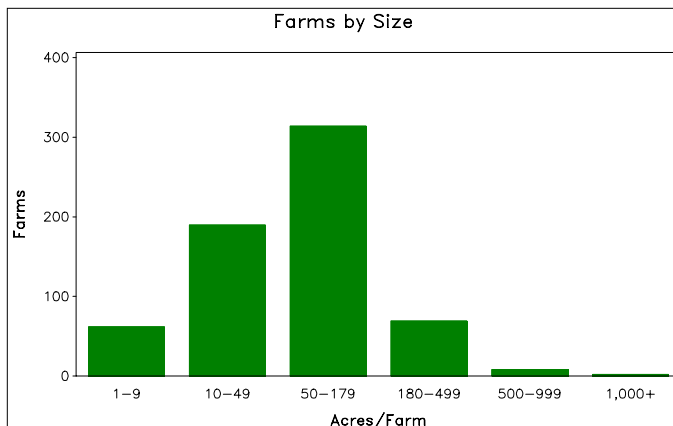
\$16,788 in 2002, \$18,346 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$345,000 in 2002, \$156,000 in 1997, up 121 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,517 in 2002, \$1,246 in 1997, up 182 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	10,828	54	67	2,471	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,915	52	67	2,211	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,914	51	66	2,139	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	567	50	65	1,964	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	843	39	67	818	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	198	44	66	906	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,129	47	66	1,045	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	285	30	66	188	1,774
Other crops and hay	893	44	66	1,354	3,046
Poultry and eggs	523	30	66	1,048	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,387	50	66	2,400	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,719	50	65	649	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	60	38	66	1,132	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	81	49	65	1,964	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	85	34	66	931	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	44,280	23	67	525	2,983
Cattle and calves	9,080	46	66	2,133	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	13	60	(D)	1,541
Sheep and lambs	1,412	29	67	746	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,261	34	66	973	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,591	46	66	1,219	3,059
Corn for grain	3,450	49	66	1,410	2,592
Corn for silage	1,949	51	65	769	2,307
Oats	1,692	26	64	302	2,215
All Wheat for grain	896	39	60	1,586	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	264	Farming	353
\$1,000 to \$2,499	94	Other	292
\$2,500 to \$4,999	73	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	72	Male	545
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Female	100
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	White	972
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,072	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	18,687	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-289		
Average per farm (\$)	-448		

(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.