

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

548 farms in 2002, 626 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

73,216 acres in 2002, 66,124 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm

134 acres in 2002, 106 acres in 1997, up 26 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,406,000 in 2002, \$20,992,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,145,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,261,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

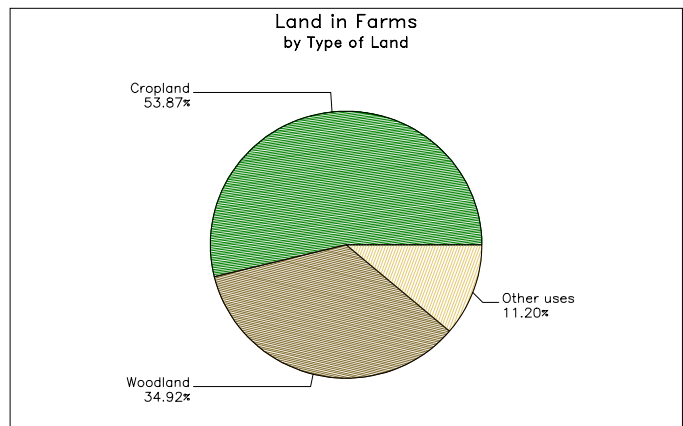
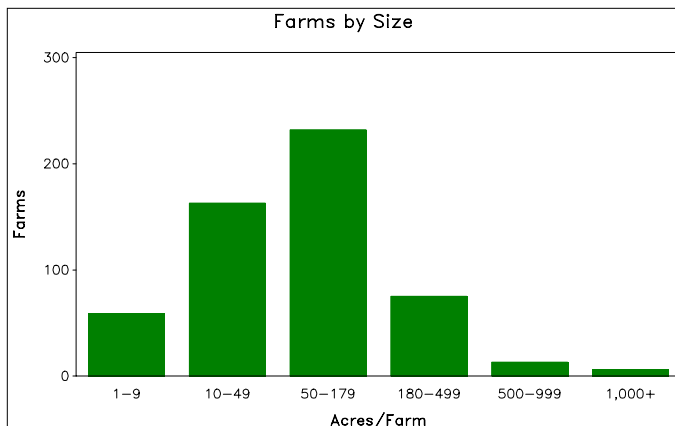
\$40,887 in 2002, \$33,533 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$403,000 in 2002, \$400,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,805 in 2002, \$2,781 in 1997, up 37 percent.



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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	22,406	42	67	1,993	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,145	17	67	1,242	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,261	57	66	2,415	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,364	38	65	1,688	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,822	2	67	211	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,714	10	66	260	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,136	19	66	400	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	767	49	66	1,508	3,046
Poultry and eggs	33	51	66	1,569	2,918
Cattle and calves	921	55	66	2,582	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,100	56	65	823	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	21	54	66	1,882	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	109	39	65	1,692	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	58	47	66	1,099	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,055	55	66	2,515	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	64	(D)	2,392
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,627	29	64	795	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,547	49	67	1,108	2,983
Quail	1,217	18	51	342	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,887	50	66	1,514	3,059
Corn for grain	5,881	39	66	1,214	2,592
Soybeans	1,966	37	58	1,388	2,076
Oats	1,797	23	64	283	2,215
All Vegetables harvested	1,679	7	67	318	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	216	Farming	253
\$1,000 to \$2,499	64	Other	295
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Male	491
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	57
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	776
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,752	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	32,513	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,777	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	8,749	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.