

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bedford, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

1,093 farms in 2002, 1,183 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

192,811 acres in 2002, 212,654 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

176 acres in 2002, 180 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$57,486,000 in 2002, \$59,716,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,811,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$48,676,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

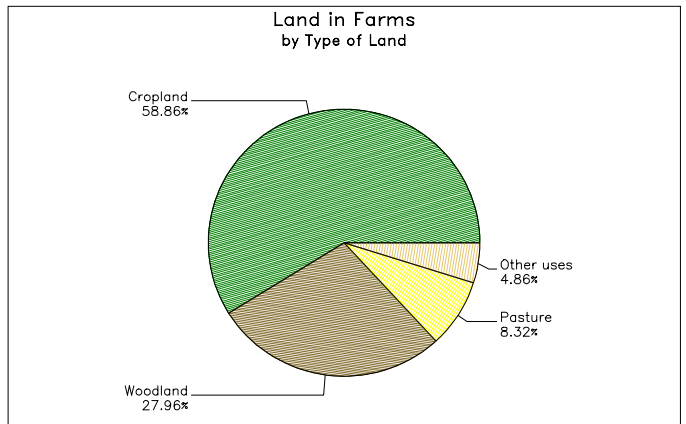
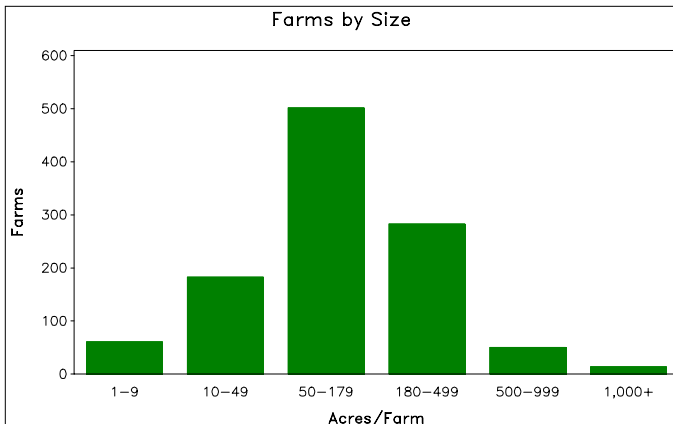
\$52,595 in 2002, \$50,479 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,632,000 in 2002, \$780,000 in 1997, up 237 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,713 in 2002, \$3,279 in 1997, up 196 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	57,486	20	67	1,000	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,811	33	67	1,748	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	48,676	18	66	571	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,065	31	65	1,549	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	488	47	67	1,008	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,678	7	66	212	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,255	43	66	998	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	200	35	66	278	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,124	15	66	596	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,709	16	66	1,283	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	36,836	10	65	124	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,814	17	66	549	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	198	11	66	443	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	382	14	65	557	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	274	16	66	470	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	41,065	10	66	749	3,059
Hogs and pigs	14,243	18	65	617	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	4,052	38	67	818	2,983
Sheep and lambs	3,452	5	67	327	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,544	25	66	727	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	51,932	9	66	274	3,059
Corn for silage	16,820	8	65	74	2,307
Corn for grain	10,775	29	66	1,032	2,592
Oats	3,071	12	64	151	2,215
Soybeans	2,426	35	58	1,341	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	347
\$1,000 to \$2,499	124
\$2,500 to \$4,999	110
\$5,000 to \$9,999	89
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	65
\$100,000 to \$249,999	140
\$250,000 to \$499,999	38
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	50,843
Average per farm (\$)	46,263
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,260
Average per farm (\$)	11,156

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	668
Other	425
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	992
Female	101
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,623
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.