

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Perry, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

752 farms in 2002, 817 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

129,092 acres in 2002, 126,292 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

172 acres in 2002, 155 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$69,773,000 in 2002, \$60,498,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,259,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$60,515,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

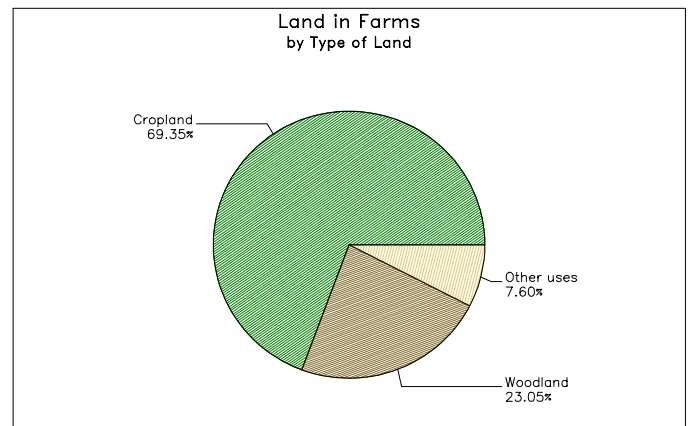
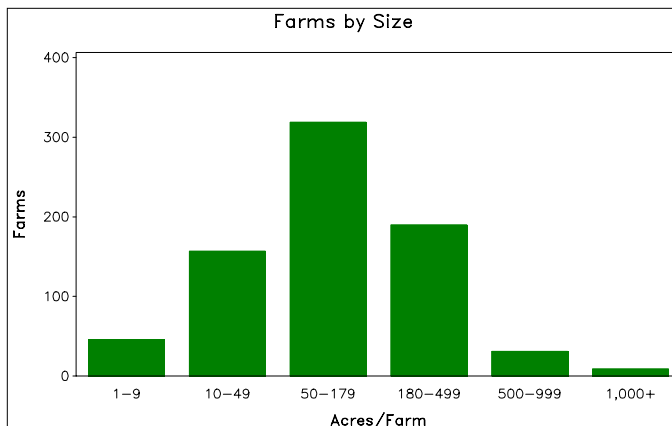
\$92,784 in 2002, \$74,049 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,886,000 in 2002, \$985,000 in 1997, up 91 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,280 in 2002, \$3,240 in 1997, up 125 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	69,773	13	67	807	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,259	30	67	1,706	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	60,515	13	66	430	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,442	28	65	1,497	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,437	19	67	485	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,289	41	66	983	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,132	8	66	48	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,875	22	66	698	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18,568	11	66	326	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,393	17	66	1,324	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	20,368	20	65	220	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14,888	4	66	203	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	93	26	66	849	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	90	44	65	1,865	3,014
Aquaculture	56	31	60	680	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	58	45	66	1,090	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	785,733	8	64	324	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	249,250	16	67	254	2,983
Turkeys	190,996	7	61	113	2,328
Hogs and pigs	63,098	4	65	240	2,926
Cattle and calves	23,816	23	66	1,286	3,059
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,813	24	66	578	3,059
Corn for silage	11,248	13	65	134	2,307
Corn for grain	8,293	33	66	1,113	2,592
Soybeans	6,948	22	58	1,128	2,076
All Wheat for grain	4,004	15	60	1,005	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	239
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72
\$2,500 to \$4,999	70
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61
\$10,000 to \$19,999	60
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28
\$100,000 to \$249,999	90
\$250,000 to \$499,999	37
\$500,000 or more	31
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,732
Average per farm (\$)	79,220
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,292
Average per farm (\$)	13,651

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	458
Other	294
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	673
Female	79
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,056
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	-

(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.