

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Potter, Pennsylvania

### Number of farms

343 farms in 2002, 376 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

94,396 acres in 2002, 86,339 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Average size of farm

275 acres in 2002, 230 acres in 1997, up 20 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$26,442,000 in 2002, \$20,432,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,371,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,071,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

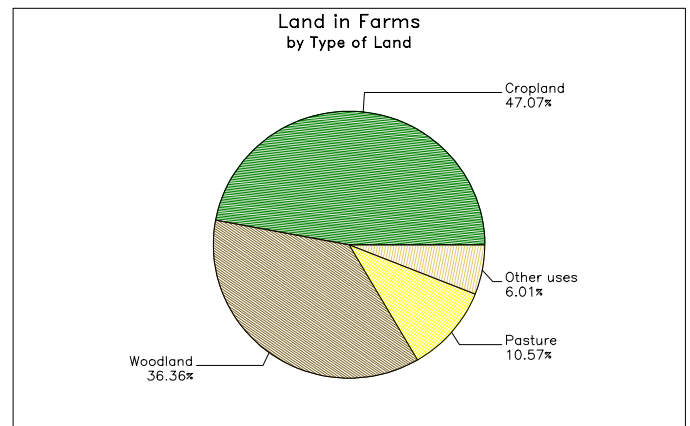
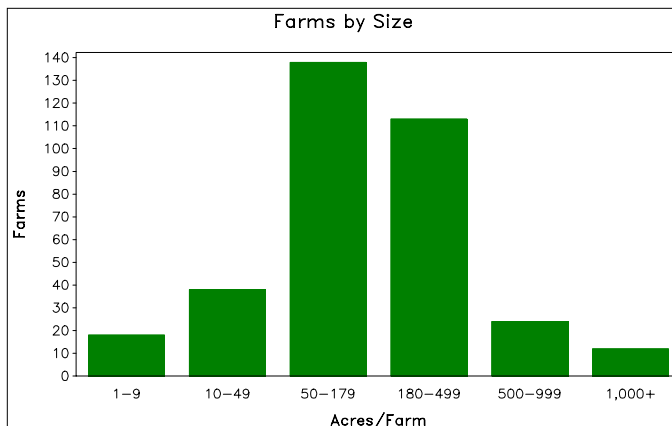
\$77,090 in 2002, \$54,342 in 1997, up 42 percent.

### Government Payments

\$807,000 in 2002, \$259,000 in 1997, up 212 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,908 in 2002, \$2,564 in 1997, up 325 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	26,442	40	67	1,837	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,371	29	67	1,698	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,071	34	66	1,434	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	3,535	13	67	391	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	23	65	66	1,891	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	64	66	66	2,204	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,065	37	66	1,177	3,046
Poultry and eggs	14	58	66	1,859	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,230	35	66	1,853	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	13,410	31	65	301	2,493
Hogs and pigs	29	53	66	1,903	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	30	49	66	1,616	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	73	50	65	2,071	3,014
Aquaculture	211	16	60	420	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	74	39	66	991	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,720	40	66	1,806	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,069	57	67	1,347	2,983
Sheep and lambs	701	47	67	1,209	2,867
All Goats	595	28	66	861	2,971
Hogs and pigs	514	47	65	1,619	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,512	34	66	997	3,059
Corn for silage	4,477	33	65	406	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	1,939	6	67	286	2,710
Corn for grain	1,555	53	66	1,651	2,592
Oats	1,098	40	64	475	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	103	Farming	183
\$1,000 to \$2,499	44	Other	160
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	307
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	36
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	539
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,997	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	52,165	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,259	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	29,736	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.