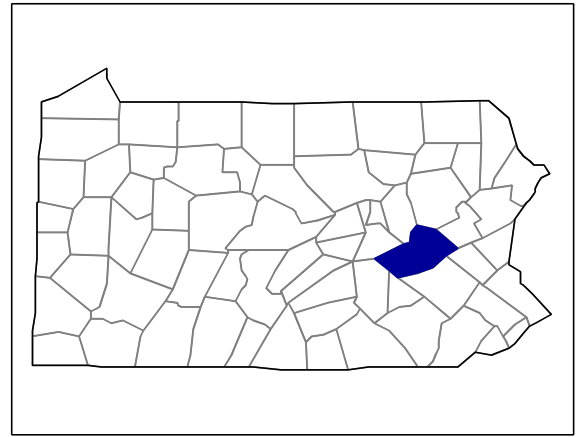




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Number of farms

838 farms in 2002, 803 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

110,946 acres in 2002, 100,368 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm

132 acres in 2002, 125 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$70,290,000 in 2002, \$70,186,000 in 1997, up slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$31,639,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,651,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

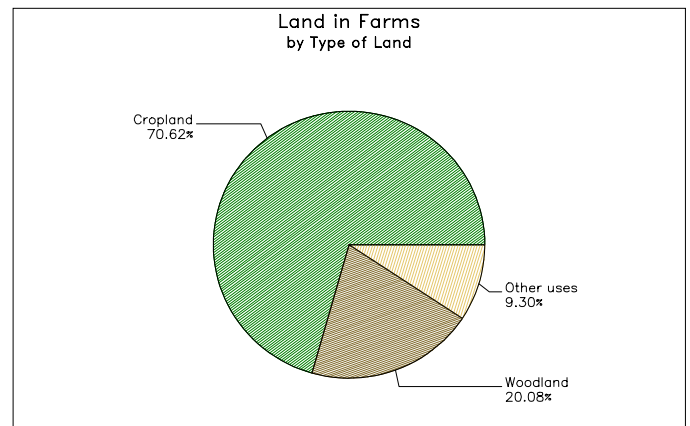
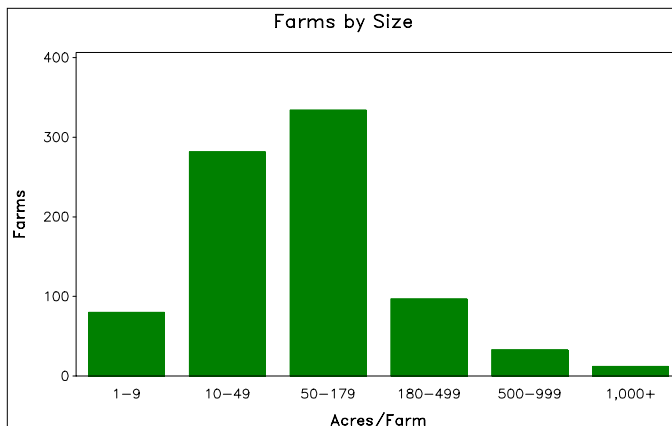
\$83,879 in 2002, \$87,404 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,356,000 in 2002, \$781,000 in 1997, up 74 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,039 in 2002, \$3,110 in 1997, up 62 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 | 70,290 | 12 | 67 | 801 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 31,639 | 11 | 67 | 825 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 38,651 | 22 | 66 | 753 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 3,976 | 19 | 65 | 1,326 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 19 | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 5,716 | 3 | 67 | 281 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 1,026 | 19 | 66 | 350 | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 16,717 | 11 | 66 | 170 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 2,579 | 2 | 66 | 24 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,624 | 26 | 66 | 801 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 21,535 | 9 | 66 | 292 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,045 | 37 | 66 | 1,895 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 7,206 | 42 | 65 | 487 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 4,731 | 15 | 66 | 490 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 12 | 57 | 66 | 2,200 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 127 | 34 | 65 | 1,556 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | 1,922 | 2 | 60 | 107 | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 73 | 40 | 66 | 995 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 802,079 | 7 | 67 | 116 | 2,983 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 471,550 | 9 | 64 | 387 | 2,599 |
| Turkeys | (D) | 5 | 61 | (D) | 2,328 |
| Hogs and pigs | 21,876 | 14 | 65 | 495 | 2,926 |
| Cattle and calves | 10,769 | 45 | 66 | 1,992 | 3,059 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 17,951 | 44 | 66 | 1,206 | 3,059 |
| Corn for grain | 17,315 | 17 | 66 | 863 | 2,592 |
| Soybeans | 7,962 | 18 | 58 | 1,089 | 2,076 |
| All Wheat for grain | 5,024 | 10 | 60 | 921 | 2,517 |
| Corn for silage | 4,486 | 32 | 65 | 404 | 2,307 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 336 | Farming | 412 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 76 | Other | 426 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 69 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 65 | Male | 774 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 69 | Female | 64 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 25 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 54.6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 24 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 7 | White | 1,192 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 46 | Black or African American | - |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 60 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 32 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 29 | Asian | - |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 55,786 | More than one race | 6 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 66,412 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 1 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 15,508 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 18,462 | | |

(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.