

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Susquehanna, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

1,116 farms in 2002, 849 farms in 1997, up 31 percent.

Land in farms

189,287 acres in 2002, 170,882 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm

170 acres in 2002, 201 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$43,143,000 in 2002, \$41,316,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,800,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$40,343,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

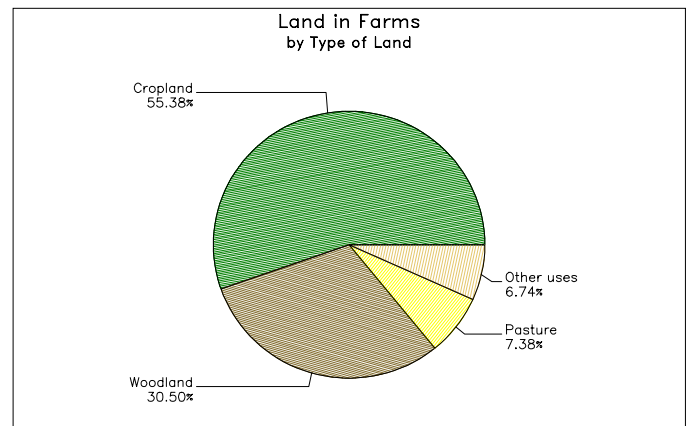
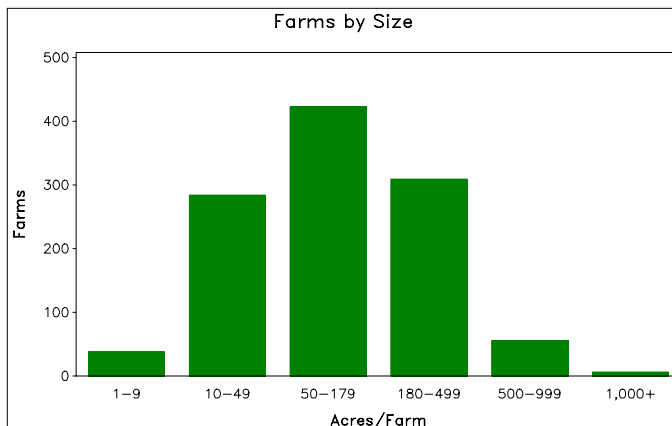
\$38,658 in 2002, \$48,665 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,514,000 in 2002, \$275,000 in 1997, up 451 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,644 in 2002, \$1,819 in 1997, up 320 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	43,143	32	67	1,341	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,800	55	67	2,369	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	40,343	21	66	714	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	130	57	65	2,317	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	152	54	67	1,500	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	309	36	66	720	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	407	58	66	1,511	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	412	23	66	140	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,390	33	66	940	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	13,426	8	66	779	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	26,093	16	65	176	2,493
Hogs and pigs	62	49	66	1,631	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	312	6	66	291	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	106	41	65	1,722	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	275	15	66	468	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	31,608	16	66	1,011	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,099	46	67	982	2,983
Sheep and lambs	1,635	25	67	667	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,527	26	66	743	3,065
Colonies of bees	859	13	64	485	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	60,813	6	66	180	3,059
Corn for silage	4,831	30	65	378	2,307
Corn for grain	1,428	54	66	1,688	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	1,216	10	66	69	1,877
Short-rotation woody crops	608	3	61	86	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	509	Farming	539
\$1,000 to \$2,499	137	Other	577
\$2,500 to \$4,999	100		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Male	974
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	142
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	115	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23	White	1,645
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,188	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	36,973	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,304	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	4,761	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.