

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Union, Pennsylvania

### Number of farms

521 farms in 2002, 659 farms in 1997, down 21 percent.

### Land in farms

69,424 acres in 2002, 71,639 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

133 acres in 2002, 109 acres in 1997, up 22 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$55,016,000 in 2002, \$53,078,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,639,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$49,378,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

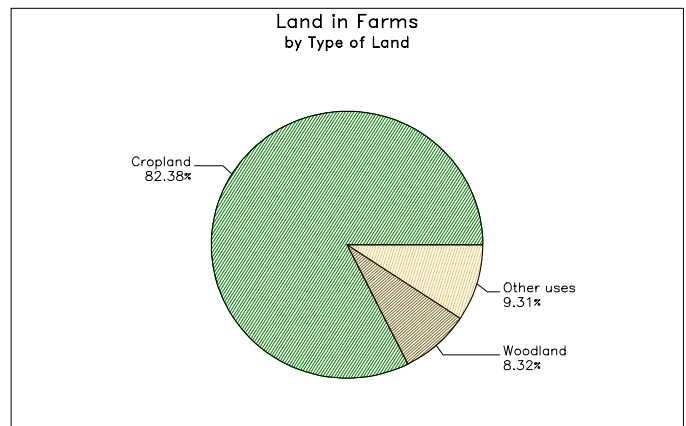
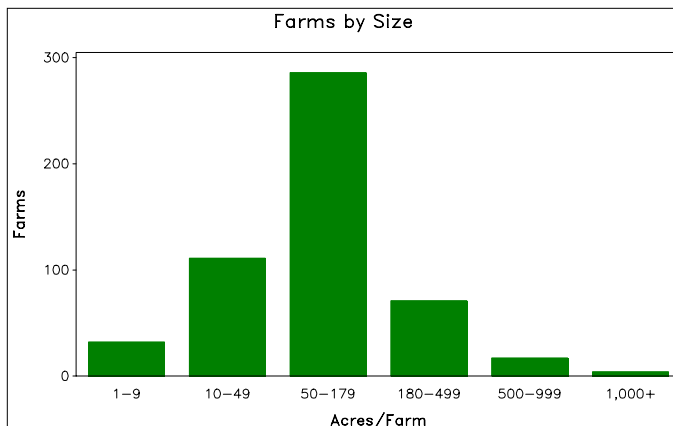
\$105,597 in 2002, \$80,544 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments

\$954,000 in 2002, \$358,000 in 1997, up 166 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,193 in 2002, \$2,654 in 1997, up 133 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	55,016	23	67	1,046	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,639	45	67	2,026	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,378	17	66	562	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,148	22	65	1,405	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	642	54	66	1,303	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	968	42	66	1,274	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15,350	12	66	352	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,920	21	66	1,394	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	21,701	18	65	207	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5,539	12	66	442	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	49	41	66	1,278	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,138,747	6	64	264	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	219,036	17	67	274	2,983
Turkeys	89,497	12	61	169	2,328
Cattle and calves	21,681	26	66	1,372	3,059
Hogs and pigs	19,822	16	65	523	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,110	43	66	1,199	3,059
Corn for grain	10,857	28	66	1,027	2,592
Soybeans	10,203	14	58	1,030	2,076
Corn for silage	7,813	20	65	214	2,307
All Wheat for grain	2,119	26	60	1,268	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	113	Farming	350
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	171
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42	Male	493
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	50.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	146	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	White	743
\$500,000 or more	18	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,685	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	88,026	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,528	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	26,065	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.