

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Venango, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

473 farms in 2002, 515 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

64,528 acres in 2002, 57,023 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Average size of farm

136 acres in 2002, 111 acres in 1997, up 23 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$7,787,000 in 2002, \$7,342,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,586,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,201,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

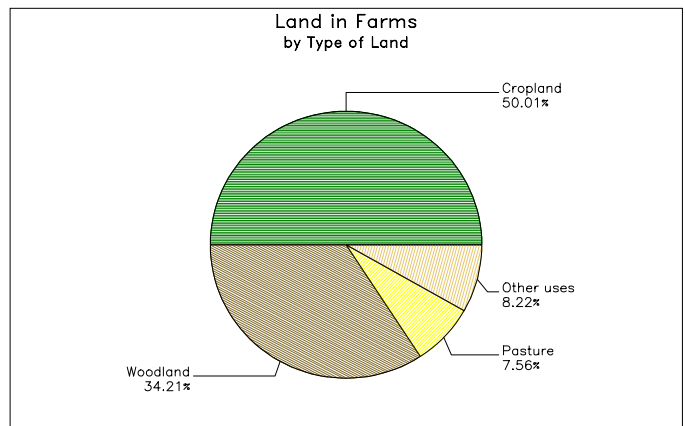
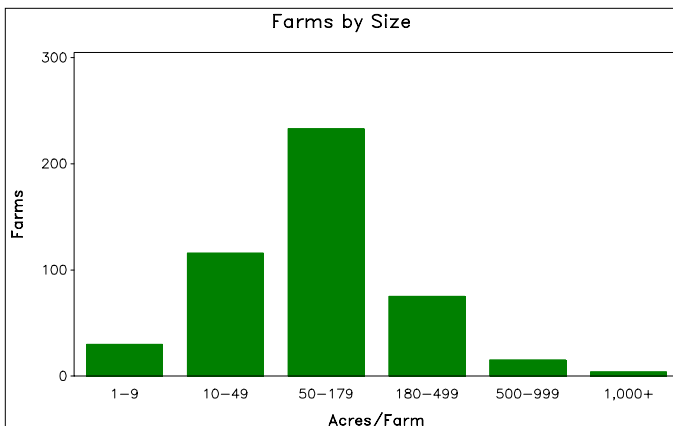
\$16,463 in 2002, \$14,256 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$250,000 in 2002, \$113,000 in 1997, up 121 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,337 in 2002, \$1,373 in 1997, up 143 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	7,787	57	67	2,606	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,586	58	67	2,406	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,201	54	66	2,334	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,136	42	65	1,743	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	326	48	67	1,152	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	65	60	66	1,459	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	464	56	66	1,462	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	21	58	66	939	1,774
Other crops and hay	574	55	66	1,780	3,046
Poultry and eggs	23	54	66	1,666	2,918
Cattle and calves	880	56	66	2,598	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,739	53	65	742	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	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
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,251	48	66	2,216	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,678	48	67	1,071	2,983
Deer	1,567	1	60	27	1,080
Horses and ponies	892	40	66	1,442	3,065
Sheep and lambs	865	41	67	1,083	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,688	48	66	1,386	3,059
Corn for grain	4,727	43	66	1,297	2,592
Corn for silage	2,033	49	65	748	2,307
Oats	1,118	39	64	465	2,215
Soybeans	928	43	58	1,549	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	173
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,814
Average per farm (\$)	14,406
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,829
Average per farm (\$)	3,867

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	225
Other	248
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	435
Female	38
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	687
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.