

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Blair, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

504 farms in 2002, 532 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

85,687 acres in 2002, 89,285 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

170 acres in 2002, 168 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$63,352,000 in 2002, \$51,586,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,980,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$57,373,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

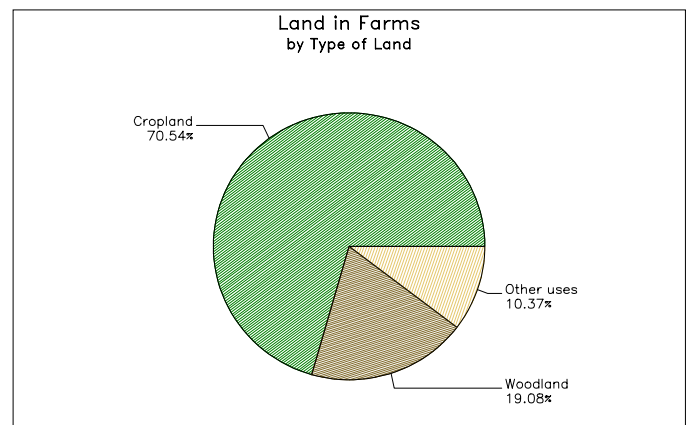
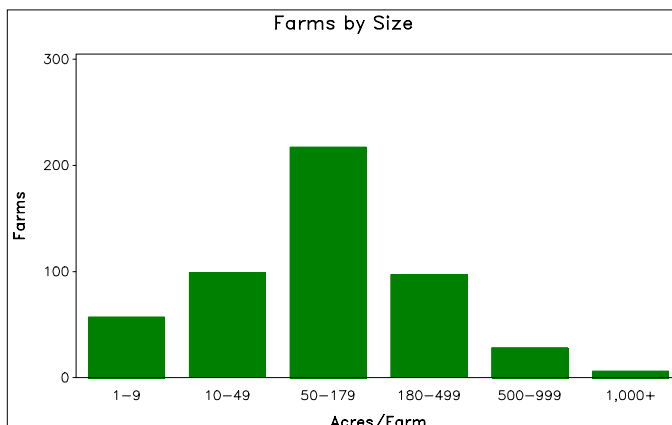
\$125,699 in 2002, \$96,967 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,987,000 in 2002, \$522,000 in 1997, up 281 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,094 in 2002, \$3,052 in 1997, up 362 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	63,352	17	67	904	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,980	44	67	1,986	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	57,373	14	66	470	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	891	43	65	1,807	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,140	33	67	718	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	464	28	66	558	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,937	36	66	815	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	41	53	66	702	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,508	27	66	867	3,046
Poultry and eggs	994	28	66	956	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,500	23	66	1,445	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	49,941	6	65	76	2,493
Hogs and pigs	234	35	66	1,210	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	117	20	66	721	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	29	59	65	2,629	3,014
Aquaculture	62	26	60	660	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	496	7	66	275	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	22	67	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	33,877	14	66	944	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	19	64	(D)	2,599
Pheasants ³	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,541
Quail ³	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,106	31	66	819	3,059
Corn for silage	17,910	7	65	63	2,307
Corn for grain	3,930	46	66	1,373	2,592
Soybeans	2,435	34	58	1,340	2,076
Oats	806	44	64	609	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	125	Farming	327
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	177
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	43	Male	483
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Female	21
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	White	772
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	25	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	51,954	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	102,676	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,232		
Average per farm (\$)	24,175		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.