

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mason, Washington

Number of farms

320 farms in 2002, 334 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

21,641 acres in 2002, 22,241 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

68 acres in 2002, 67 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$52,008,000 in 2002, \$14,257,000 in 1997, up 265 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,061,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$46,947,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

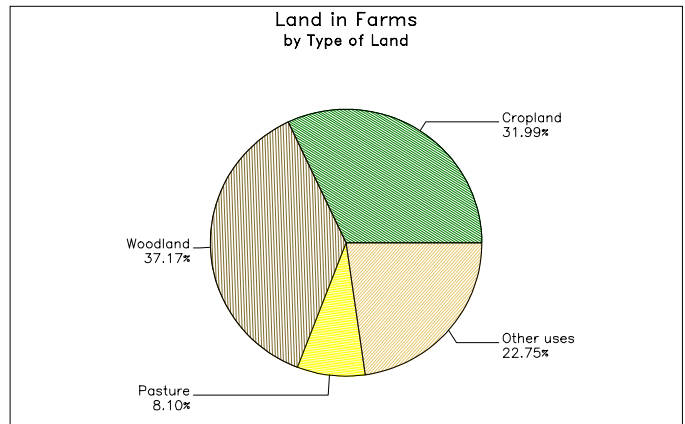
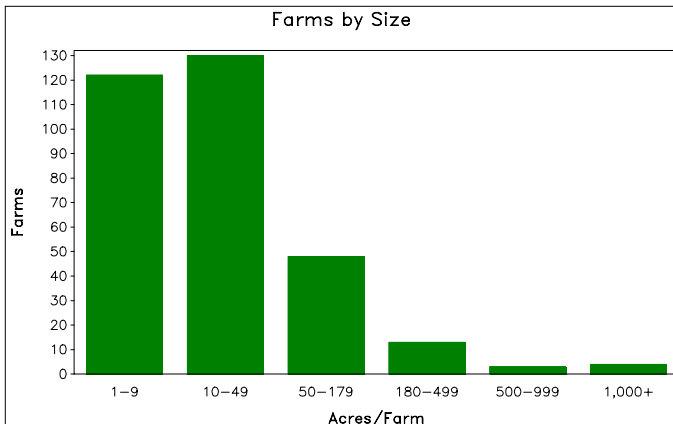
\$162,524 in 2002, \$42,684 in 1997, up 281 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$15,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$894 in 1997.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Washington Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 39 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	52,008	23	39	1,114	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,061	30	39	2,069	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	46,947	12	39	603	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	34	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	263	24	36	1,239	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	202	33	39	894	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,802	17	36	665	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,484	5	31	39	1,774
Other crops and hay	309	32	39	2,287	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	26	39	1,884	2,918
Cattle and calves	351	36	39	2,817	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	37	29	34	2,298	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	30	38	2,134	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	37	38	2,422	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	105	27	39	1,729	3,014
Aquaculture	46,397	1	35	2	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	20	29	37	1,535	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,552	36	39	2,855	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	897	26	39	1,476	2,983
Horses and ponies	502	31	39	2,157	3,065
Colonies of bees	313	21	33	744	2,392
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	310	16	36	1,298	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cut Christmas trees	2,354	3	32	30	1,877
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,278	35	39	2,696	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	123	22	36	1,163	2,710
Short-rotation woody crops	96	13	30	464	1,262
Sweet corn	71	18	29	594	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	89	Farming	153
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	167
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Male	257
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	White	460
\$500,000 or more	14	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,997	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Average per farm (\$)	68,528	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,269	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	94,296	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.