

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Pierce, Washington

Number of farms

1,474 farms in 2002, 1,616 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

57,224 acres in 2002, 61,689 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

39 acres in 2002, 38 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$94,170,000 in 2002, \$76,864,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,963,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$59,207,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

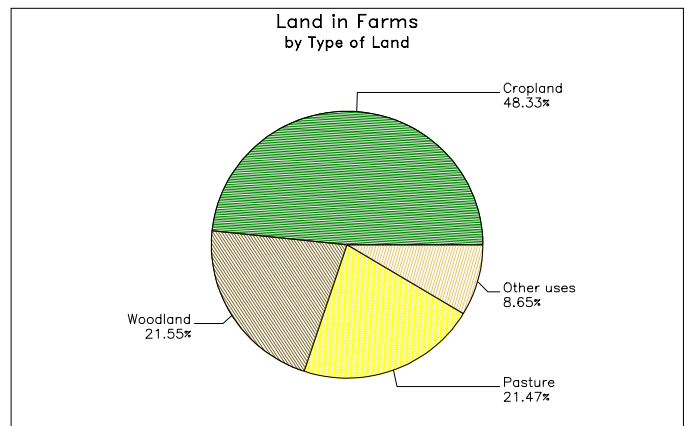
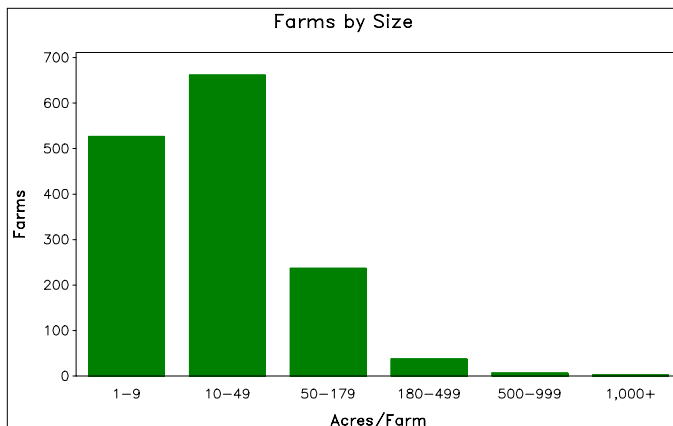
\$63,887 in 2002, \$47,564 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments

\$212,000 in 2002, \$398,000 in 1997, down 47 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,058 in 2002, \$3,982 in 1997, up 52 percent.



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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 | 94,170 | 16 | 39 | 572 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 34,963 | 20 | 39 | 746 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 59,207 | 9 | 39 | 443 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | (D) | (D) | 34 | (D) | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 9,939 | 9 | 36 | 175 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 39 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 21,016 | 7 | 36 | 130 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 31 | (D) | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 411 | 29 | 39 | 2,071 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 39 | (D) | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | (D) | (D) | 39 | (D) | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 11,499 | 11 | 34 | 328 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 38 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 151 | 14 | 38 | 575 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 1,105 | 4 | 39 | 111 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | 18,515 | 3 | 35 | 13 | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 37 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | (D) | 3 | 39 | (D) | 2,983 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) | 7 | 36 | (D) | 2,599 |
| Cattle and calves | 14,090 | 21 | 39 | 1,786 | 3,059 |
| Horses and ponies | 4,621 | 6 | 39 | 66 | 3,065 |
| Mink | (D) | 4 | 6 | (D) | 117 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 7,782 | 23 | 39 | 1,985 | 3,059 |
| All Vegetables harvested | 3,386 | 10 | 36 | 191 | 2,710 |
| Sweet corn | 936 | 11 | 29 | 127 | 2,279 |
| Rhubarb | 602 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 197 |
| Cut Christmas trees | 517 | 9 | 32 | 178 | 1,877 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 602 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 293 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 155 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 132 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 95 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 20 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 39 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 12 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 38 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 30 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 22 |
| \$500,000 or more | 36 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 74,550 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 50,440 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 21,934 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 14,840 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 778 |
| Other | 696 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 1,087 |
| Female | 387 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.8 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 2,223 |
| Black or African American | 18 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 42 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 7 |
| Asian | 44 |
| More than one race | 9 |
| All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 55 |

(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.