

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Benton, Washington

Number of farms

1,313 farms in 2002, 1,570 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

Land in farms

607,963 acres in 2002, 634,428 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

463 acres in 2002, 404 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$400,571,000 in 2002, \$308,183,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$366,342,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$34,229,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

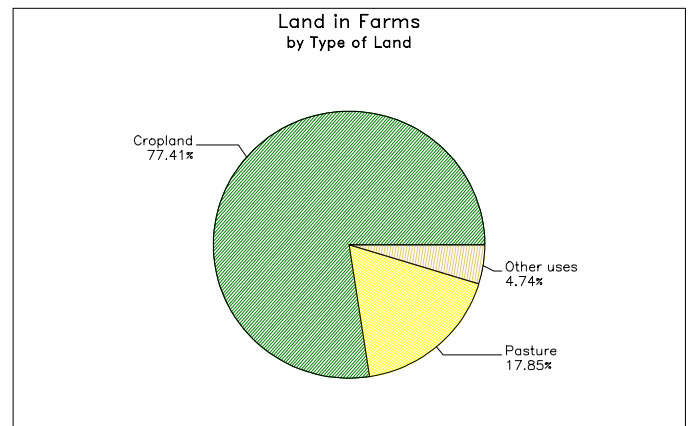
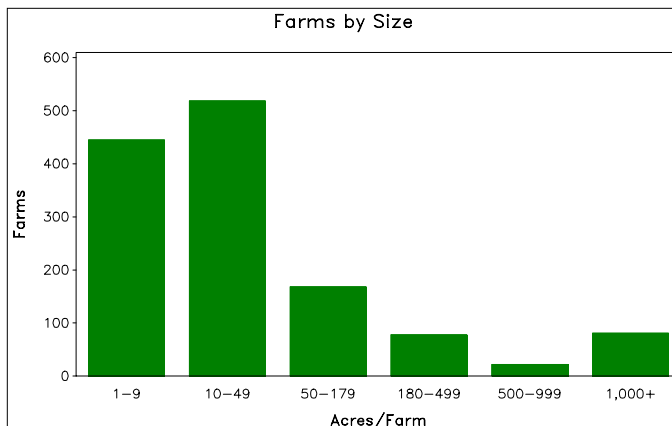
\$305,080 in 2002, \$196,295 in 1997, up 55 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,400,000 in 2002, \$3,432,000 in 1997, up 57 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$27,412 in 2002, \$26,402 in 1997, up 4 percent.



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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	400,571	3	39	43	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	366,342	3	39	23	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	34,229	14	39	841	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	38,328	6	34	366	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	148,267	2	36	14	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	143,416	4	39	23	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,552	22	36	912	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	34,780	4	39	33	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	26,683	6	39	345	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	182	9	38	474	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	413	13	39	512	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	42	23	37	1,204	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	28,513	12	39	1,102	3,059
Quail	(D)	2	24	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	2,434	13	39	336	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	3	38	(D)	2,926
Sheep and lambs	2,116	10	39	534	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	110,728	8	26	113	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	39,955	2	36	15	2,710
Potatoes	24,426	3	27	15	1,551
Sweet corn	23,482	2	29	5	2,279
Grapes	22,496	2	35	12	1,830

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	326
\$1,000 to \$2,499	188
\$2,500 to \$4,999	138
\$5,000 to \$9,999	162
\$10,000 to \$19,999	108
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52
\$100,000 to \$249,999	90
\$250,000 to \$499,999	68
\$500,000 or more	86
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	303,776
Average per farm (\$)	231,184
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	110,957
Average per farm (\$)	84,442

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	683
Other	630
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,153
Female	160
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,935
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	50
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
Asian	7
More than one race	21
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	137

(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.