

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Thurston, Washington

Number of farms

1,155 farms in 2002, 1,372 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

Land in farms

74,442 acres in 2002, 66,341 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

64 acres in 2002, 48 acres in 1997, up 33 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$114,675,000 in 2002, \$126,265,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$49,331,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$65,344,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

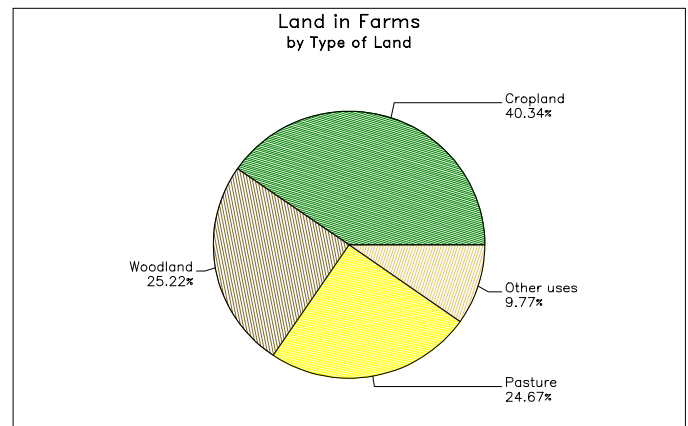
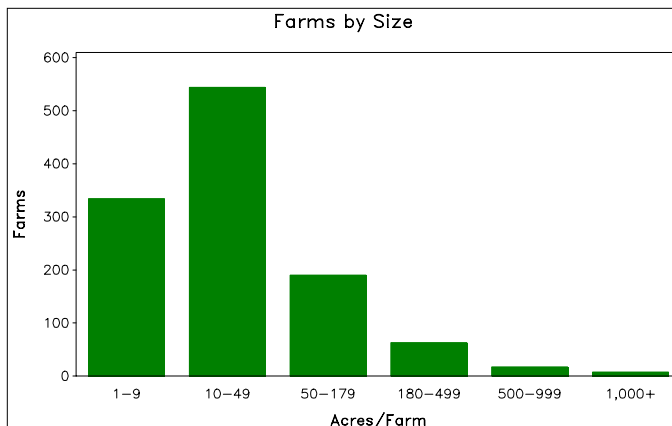
\$99,286 in 2002, \$92,030 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$243,000 in 2002, \$90,000 in 1997, up 170 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,585 in 2002, \$2,998 in 1997, up 153 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	114,675	15	39	405	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	49,331	17	39	487	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	65,344	7	39	391	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	647	21	36	905	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,083	22	39	331	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	45,962	4	36	62	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	31	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,106	20	39	1,146	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18,388	3	39	327	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,437	22	39	1,810	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23,918	7	34	190	2,493
Hogs and pigs	112	8	38	1,419	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	65	22	38	1,083	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	5,734	1	39	16	3,014
Aquaculture	13,382	5	35	17	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	307	14	37	427	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,150,573	1	39	89	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	477,463	3	36	385	2,599
Cattle and calves	23,928	15	39	1,283	3,059
Horses and ponies	3,639	8	39	126	3,065
Colonies of bees	2,406	8	33	243	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,072	17	39	1,429	3,059
Sod harvested	1,282	1	14	77	740
Cut Christmas trees	759	5	32	121	1,877
Nursery stock	(D)	8	32	(D)	2,129
All Berries	232	10	33	71	2,019

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	456	Farming	584
\$1,000 to \$2,499	225	Other	571
\$2,500 to \$4,999	138	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	Male	873
\$10,000 to \$19,999	81	Female	282
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	White	1,748
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	Black or African American	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	30
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	37	Asian	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	100,136	More than one race	24
Average per farm (\$)	86,773	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	38
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,873		
Average per farm (\$)	13,755		

(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.