

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Whitman, Washington

Number of farms

1,087 farms in 2002, 1,188 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

1,328,337 acres in 2002, 1,366,109 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

1,222 acres in 2002, 1,150 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$162,631,000 in 2002, \$183,335,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$155,249,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,382,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

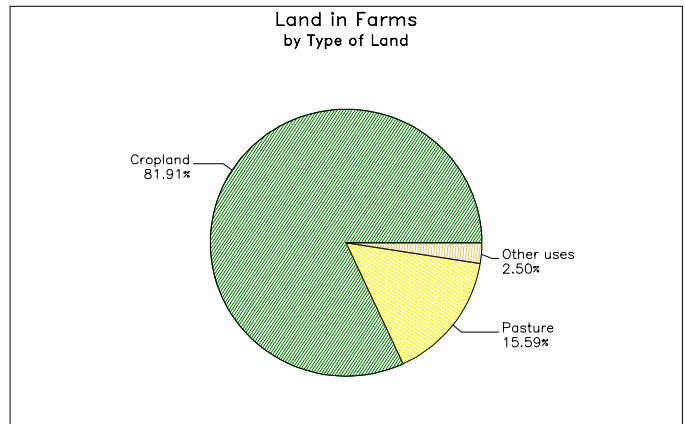
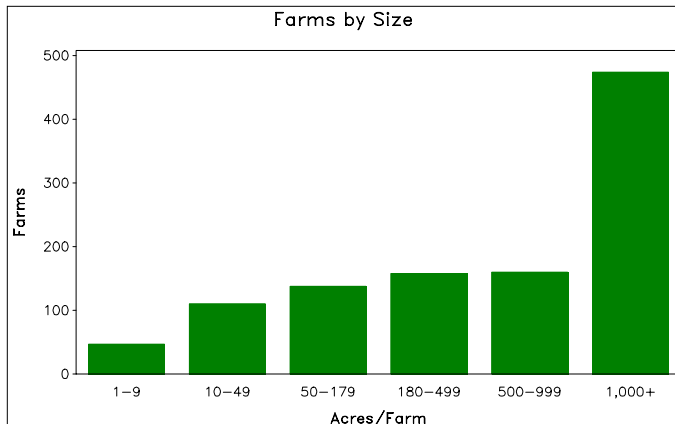
\$149,614 in 2002, \$154,322 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$19,215,000 in 2002, \$15,826,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$25,118 in 2002, \$18,908 in 1997, up 33 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	162,631	10	39	210	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	155,249	8	39	70	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,382	29	39	2,097	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	143,874	1	34	7	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,679	13	36	323	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	183	34	39	946	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,131	16	36	625	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	15	23	31	1,047	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,367	12	39	367	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,893	17	39	1,533	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,251	2	38	818	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	170	10	38	512	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	160	21	39	1,333	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	19	30	37	1,557	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	15,721	20	39	1,696	3,059
Quail	(D)	1	24	(D)	1,412
Hogs and pigs	8,778	1	38	754	2,926
Pheasants	(D)	2	28	(D)	1,541
Sheep and lambs	3,213	4	39	351	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	486,853	1	26	2	2,517
Barley	124,815	1	29	1	1,246
Dry edible peas	56,199	1	9	1	215
Lentils	55,175	1	3	1	48
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,538	19	39	1,473	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	223	Farming	828
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	259
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Male	1,029
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29	Female	58
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	104		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	243	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	167	White	1,620
\$500,000 or more	65	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	131,234	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	120,842	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	53,255	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	49,037	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(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.