

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Cowlitz, Washington

### Number of farms

532 farms in 2002, 561 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

39,582 acres in 2002, 37,698 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

74 acres in 2002, 67 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$30,560,000 in 2002, \$17,613,000 in 1997, up 74 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,848,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,712,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

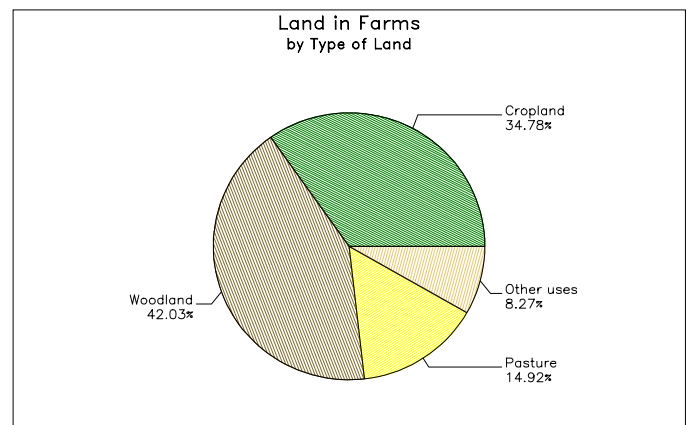
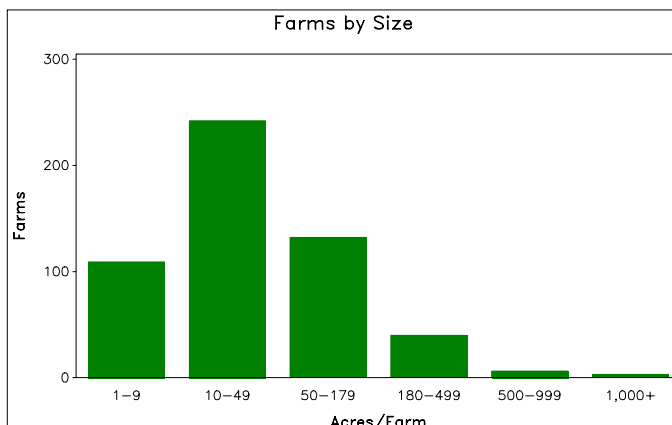
\$57,443 in 2002, \$31,396 in 1997, up 83 percent.

### Government Payments

\$66,000 in 2002, \$73,000 in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,303 in 2002, \$6,601 in 1997, up 26 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 39 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	30,560	26	39	1,683	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,848	28	39	1,592	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,712	18	39	1,309	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	116	24	34	2,347	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	730	20	36	868	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,297	17	39	188	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,032	14	36	406	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	179	13	31	296	1,774
Other crops and hay	494	27	39	1,908	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,828	10	39	583	2,918
Cattle and calves	830	33	39	2,623	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,545	22	34	1,145	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14	32	38	2,169	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	29	27	38	1,652	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	143	23	39	1,433	3,014
Aquaculture	11,288	6	35	22	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	35	24	37	1,278	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	454,170	4	36	392	2,599
Cattle and calves	4,546	32	39	2,568	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,066	22	39	1,194	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	994	24	39	1,396	2,983
Sheep and lambs	824	22	39	1,116	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,506	29	39	2,371	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	1,249	15	36	374	2,710
All Berries	919	5	33	36	2,019
Sweet corn	809	12	29	142	2,279
All Field and grass seed crops <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,293

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	(D)	Farming	284
\$1,000 to \$2,499	91	Other	248
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	428
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Female	104
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	771
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	19	Asian	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,233	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	49,872	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,900		
Average per farm (\$)	16,920		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.