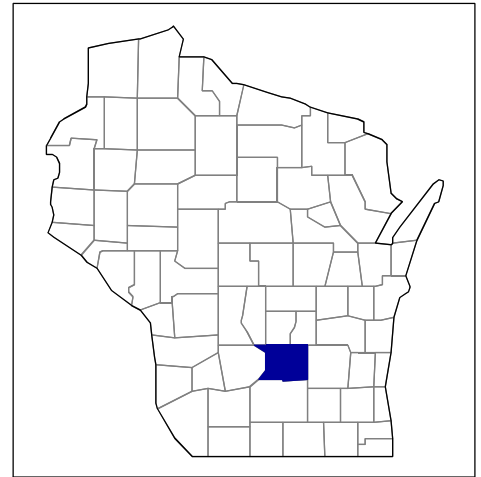




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Number of farms

1,526 farms in 2002, 1,637 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

348,369 acres in 2002, 348,218 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

228 acres in 2002, 213 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$105,113,000 in 2002, \$110,680,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$46,563,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$58,550,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

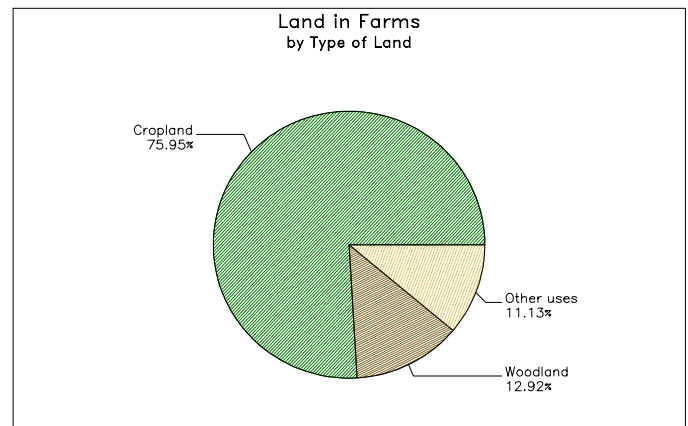
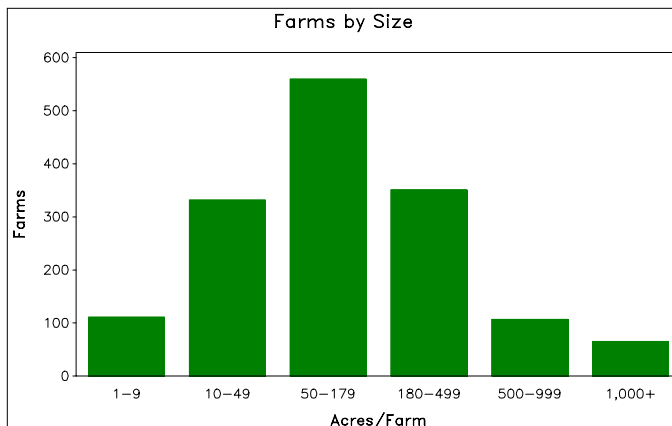
\$68,881 in 2002, \$67,611 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,896,000 in 2002, \$4,225,000 in 1997, up 40 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,270 in 2002, \$4,582 in 1997, up 59 percent.



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Ranked items among the 72 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	105,113	21	72	471	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,563	7	72	519	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	58,550	29	72	450	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	39,993	4	72	346	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,100	23	71	420	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,044	37	70	1,078	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	340	11	68	165	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,820	27	72	719	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,484	9	71	599	2,918
Cattle and calves	17,124	17	72	616	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	31,273	34	69	144	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,835	10	71	621	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,425	1	70	64	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	218	27	69	1,035	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	6	72	(D)	2,983
Ducks	(D)	2	70	(D)	2,630
Cattle and calves	56,379	26	72	468	3,059
Hogs and pigs	20,760	7	72	511	2,926
Pheasants	(D)	12	60	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	120,858	4	69	151	2,592
Soybeans	51,712	6	67	548	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	41,859	34	72	443	3,059
Corn for silage	9,854	27	71	155	2,307
All Wheat for grain	6,307	13	65	826	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	442
\$1,000 to \$2,499	96
\$2,500 to \$4,999	112
\$5,000 to \$9,999	129
\$10,000 to \$19,999	119
\$20,000 to \$24,999	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	106
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38
\$50,000 to \$99,999	125
\$100,000 to \$249,999	184
\$250,000 to \$499,999	75
\$500,000 or more	37
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	96,528
Average per farm (\$)	63,173
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,490
Average per farm (\$)	13,410

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	929
Other	597
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,359
Female	167
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,293
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.