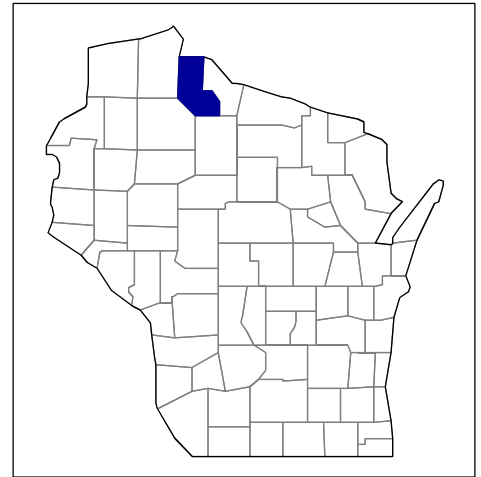


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Number of farms

227 farms in 2002, 259 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

58,746 acres in 2002, 59,540 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

259 acres in 2002, 230 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,232,000 in 2002, \$5,261,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$919,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,313,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

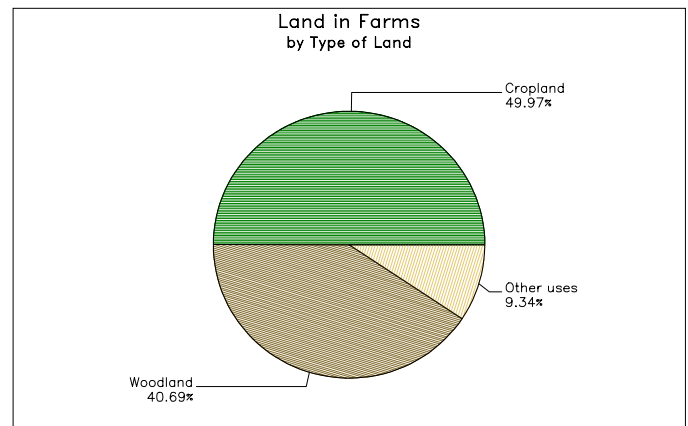
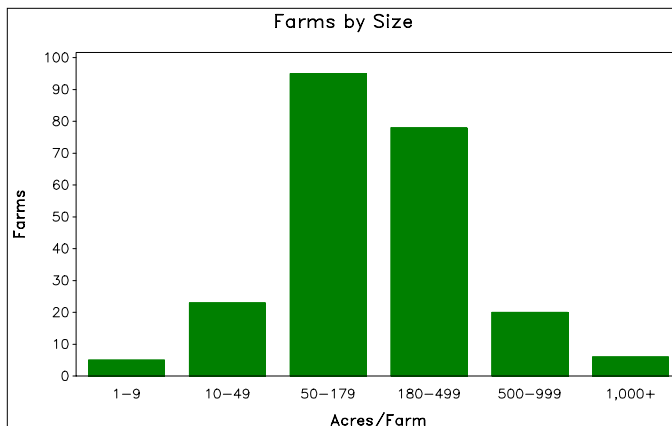
\$27,455 in 2002, \$20,311 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Government Payments

\$249,000 in 2002, \$79,000 in 1997, up 215 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,376 in 2002, \$2,194 in 1997, up 373 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	6,232	66	72	2,702	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	919	68	72	2,758	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,313	64	72	2,317	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	84	66	72	2,425	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	66	64	71	1,918	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15	69	71	2,076	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3	70	70	2,661	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	29	46	68	822	1,774
Other crops and hay	723	55	72	1,566	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,186	65	72	2,479	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,084	63	69	719	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	68	71	2,564	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	69	70	2,761	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	35	67	69	2,533	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	56	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,059	65	72	2,326	3,059
Horses and ponies	240	67	72	2,741	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	215	68	72	2,440	2,983
Sheep and lambs	116	66	71	2,205	2,867
Hogs and pigs	61	67	72	2,513	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,817	57	72	1,107	3,059
Corn for silage	929	63	71	1,136	2,307
Corn for grain	768	64	69	1,865	2,592
Barley	446	32	67	428	1,246
Oats	427	64	71	923	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	77	Farming	109
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38	Other	118
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11	Male	193
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	34
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	328
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,372	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	23,666	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	940	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	4,143	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.