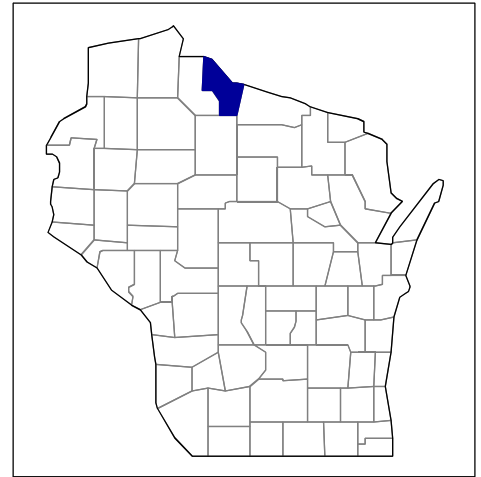




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Number of farms

62 farms in 2002, 53 farms in 1997, up 17 percent.

Land in farms

12,741 acres in 2002, 12,459 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

206 acres in 2002, 235 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

(D) in 2002, \$1,026,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

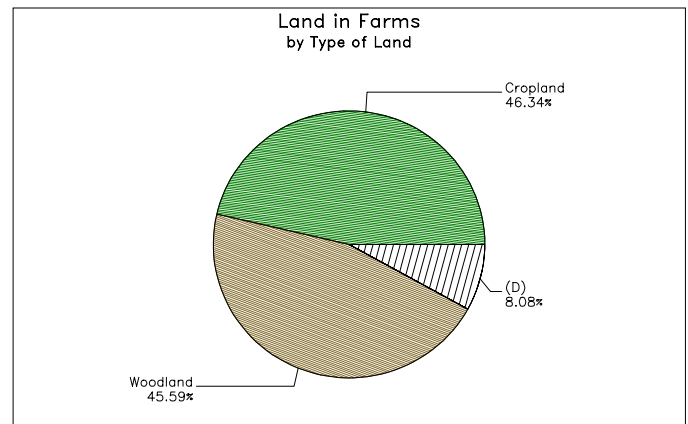
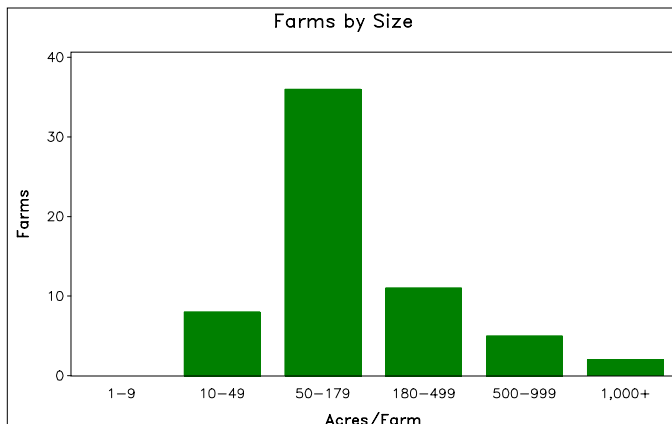
(D) in 2002, \$19,366 in 1997.

Government Payments

\$44,000 in 2002, \$3,000 in 1997, up 1,367 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,292 in 2002, \$522 in 1997, up 1,105 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	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	13	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	41	67	71	2,122	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	109	68	72	2,759	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	133	69	72	2,948	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	487	68	69	1,673	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	70	71	2,725	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	69	-	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	903	69	72	2,934	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	160	64	71	1,583	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	117	70	72	2,673	2,983
Sheep and lambs	(D)	67	71	(D)	2,867
Horses and ponies	66	70	72	3,002	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,433	69	72	2,527	3,059
All Berries	(D)	16	70	(D)	2,019
Oats	105	70	71	1,492	2,215
All Field and grass seed crops	82	8	23	603	1,293
Wild rice ³	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	20

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	23	Farming	32
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	58
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	84
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,298	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	20,942	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	(D)	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	(D)	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.

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