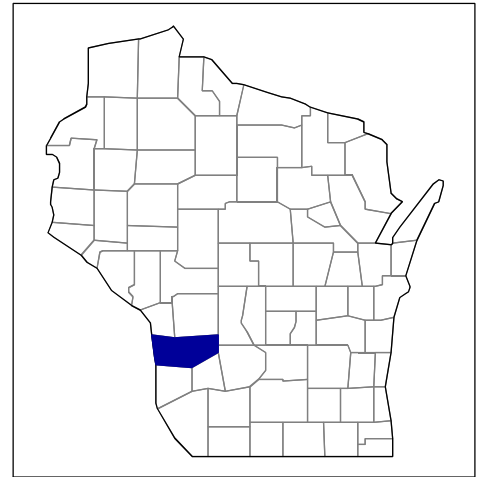


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Vernon, Wisconsin



### Number of farms

2,230 farms in 2002, 2,352 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

382,218 acres in 2002, 388,287 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

171 acres in 2002, 165 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$90,210,000 in 2002, \$94,481,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$17,527,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$72,683,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

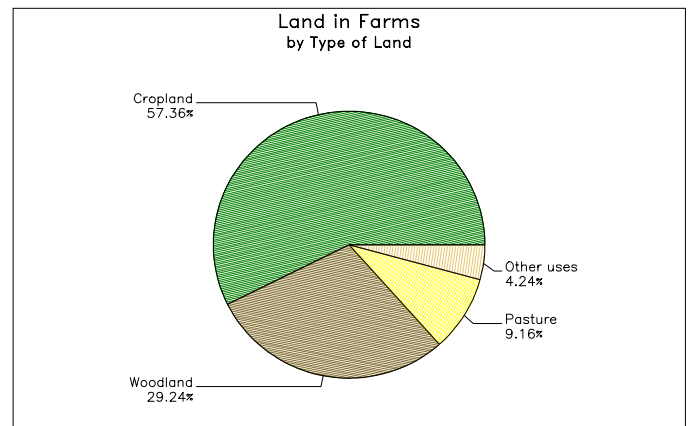
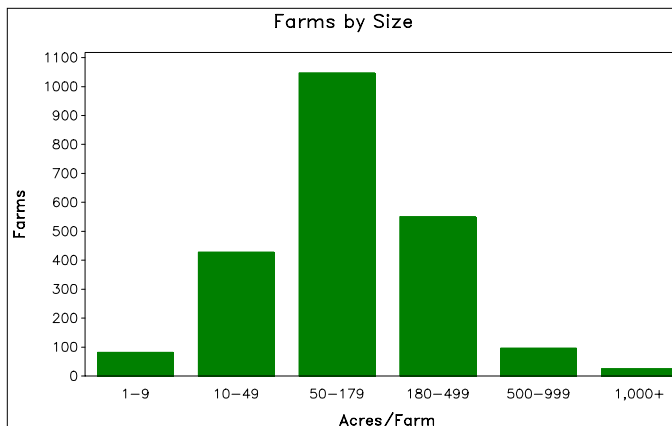
\$40,453 in 2002, \$40,170 in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,217,000 in 2002, \$2,371,000 in 1997, up 78 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,516 in 2002, \$2,142 in 1997, up 111 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 72 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	90,210	28	72	609	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,527	42	72	1,273	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	72,683	23	72	334	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,706	28	72	936	2,871
Tobacco	704	3	13	292	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	704	42	71	882	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,465	33	70	934	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,773	7	72	450	3,046
Poultry and eggs	985	21	71	958	2,918
Cattle and calves	20,188	15	72	513	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	49,019	23	69	77	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	412	6	70	221	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	398	10	69	533	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	437	27	68	319	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	74,605	16	72	269	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	41,950	11	72	539	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,532	12	71	667	2,599
Horses and ponies	3,855	4	72	110	3,065
Hogs and pigs	3,283	32	72	1,001	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	78,147	7	72	87	3,059
Corn for grain	48,970	23	69	505	2,592
Soybeans	21,011	31	67	822	2,076
Corn for silage	13,523	22	71	99	2,307
Oats	6,165	12	71	55	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	680
\$1,000 to \$2,499	163
\$2,500 to \$4,999	207
\$5,000 to \$9,999	176
\$10,000 to \$19,999	231
\$20,000 to \$24,999	94
\$25,000 to \$39,999	145
\$40,000 to \$49,999	82
\$50,000 to \$99,999	214
\$100,000 to \$249,999	187
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33
\$500,000 or more	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	79,612
Average per farm (\$)	35,733
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,746
Average per farm (\$)	11,107

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,351
Other	879
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	2,023
Female	207
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	3,295
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	8
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	29

(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.