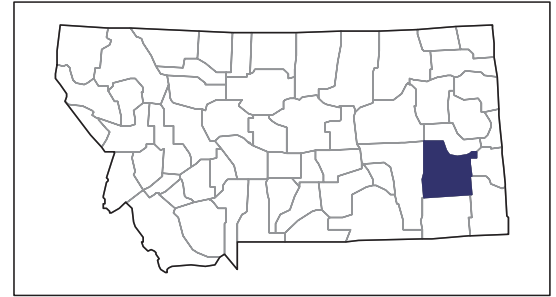


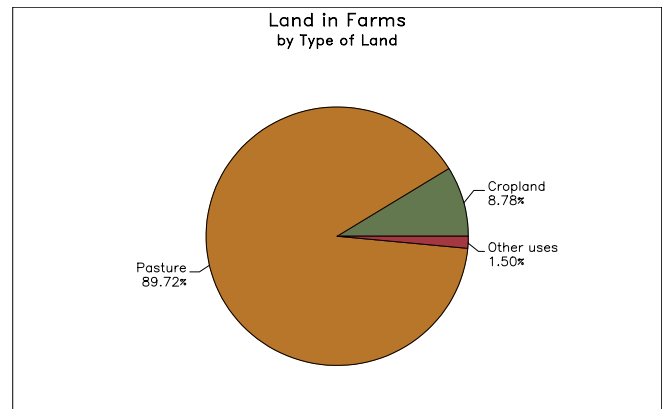
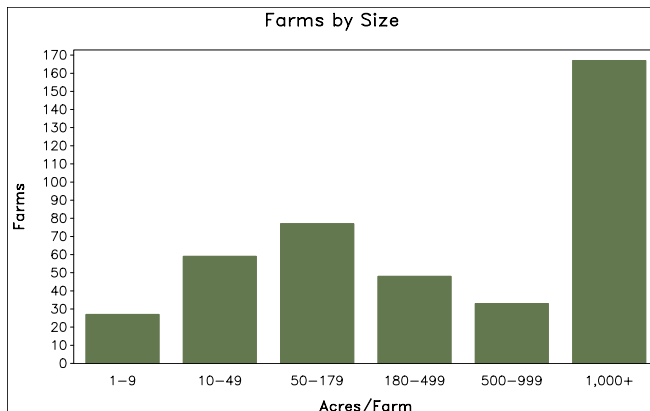
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Custer County Montana

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	411	425	- 3
Land in Farms	2,127,013 acres	1,904,133 acres	+ 12
Average Size of Farm	5,175 acres	4,480 acres	+ 16
Market Value of Products Sold	\$73,205,000	\$40,687,000	+ 80
Crop Sales \$9,482,000 (13 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$63,722,000 (87 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$178,113	\$95,735	+ 86
Government Payments	\$1,500,000	\$2,003,000	- 25
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,477	\$12,365	- 31



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County Profile

Custer County – Montana

Ranked items among the 56 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	73,205	14	56	1,198	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,482	34	56	1,892	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	63,722	3	56	646	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,847	31	54	1,429	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	16	24	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	42	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	20	56	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	12	37	55	2,371	3,020
Cattle and calves	62,033	3	56	183	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	60	33	48	2,081	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	40	54	2,260	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	360	18	55	362	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	19	56	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	2	15	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	280	21	52	551	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	62,410	18	56	158	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	21,345	33	53	483	2,481
Corn for silage	5,156	3	36	298	2,263
Barley for grain	3,454	31	53	150	1,154
Corn for grain	2,292	6	28	1,653	2,634
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	99,521	4	56	145	3,060
Sheep and lambs	5,773	17	55	176	2,891
Horses and ponies	1,985	18	56	556	3,066
Colonies of bees	(D)	25	41	(D)	2,640
Layers	565	33	56	2,082	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	100	Farming	231
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	180
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Male	364
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Female	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	24	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	29	White	660
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	53,745	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	130,765	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23,206		
Average per farm (\$)	56,463		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.