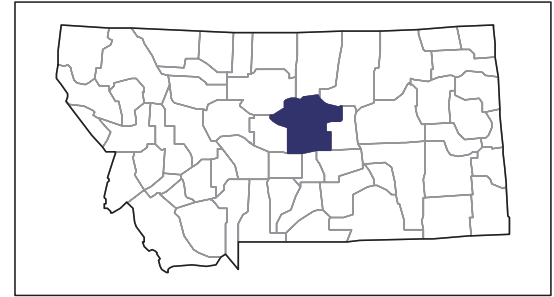


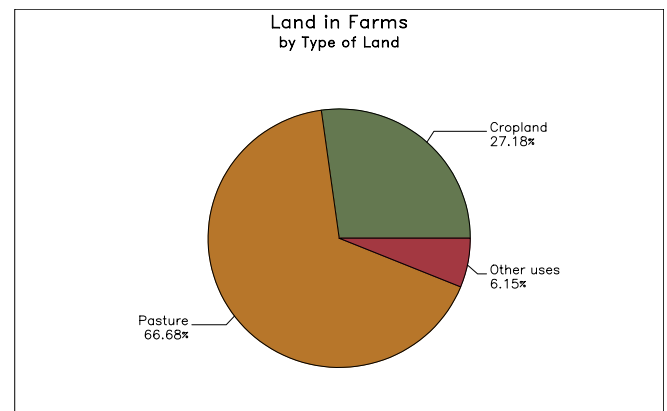
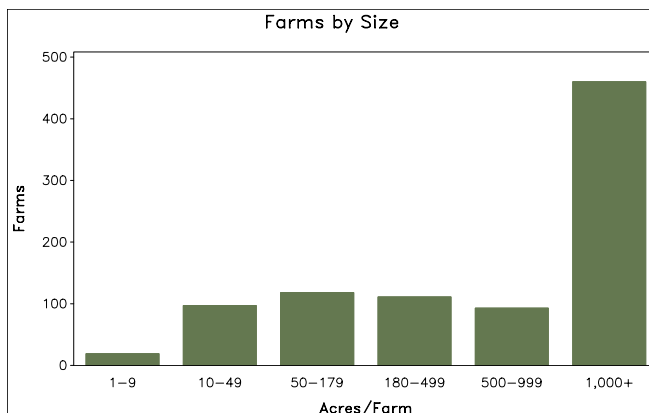
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## County Profile



## Fergus County Montana

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	898	830	+ 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	2,446,047 acres	2,281,789 acres	+ 7
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	2,724 acres	2,749 acres	- 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$101,167,000	\$61,207,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$42,013,000 (42 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$59,154,000 (58 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$112,658	\$73,743	+ 53
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$6,187,000	\$6,125,000	+ 1
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$12,525	\$14,480	- 14



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

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	101,167	4	56	882	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,013	10	56	993	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	59,154	4	56	693	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	36,763	9	54	736	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	27	41	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	18	24	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	779	11	42	1,193	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	4,442	15	56	371	3,054
Poultry and eggs	43	22	55	1,740	3,020
Cattle and calves	56,478	4	56	199	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,303	12	48	1,259	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	33	54	2,024	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	419	17	55	300	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	153	23	56	1,341	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	4	15	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	185,950	1	56	5	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	161,649	13	53	67	2,481
Barley for grain	32,604	6	53	30	1,154
Oats for grain	1,363	5	52	284	1,957
Dry edible peas	766	22	31	87	277
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	116,094	3	56	93	3,060
Colonies of bees	6,722	4	41	107	2,640
Sheep and lambs	6,062	15	55	168	2,891
Horses and ponies	2,207	16	56	471	3,066
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	15	41	(D)	2,476

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	224	Farming	541
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	357
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Male	804
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Female	94
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	99		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	180	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	84	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$500,000 or more	39	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	78,169	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	87,048	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,392
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	35,898	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	39,975	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	8

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.

<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.