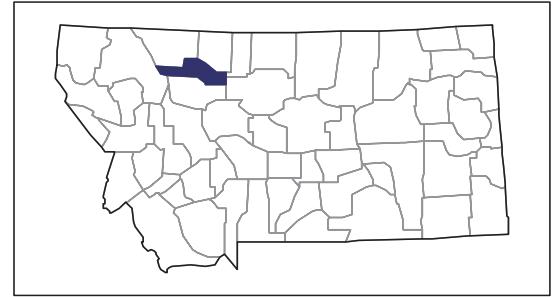


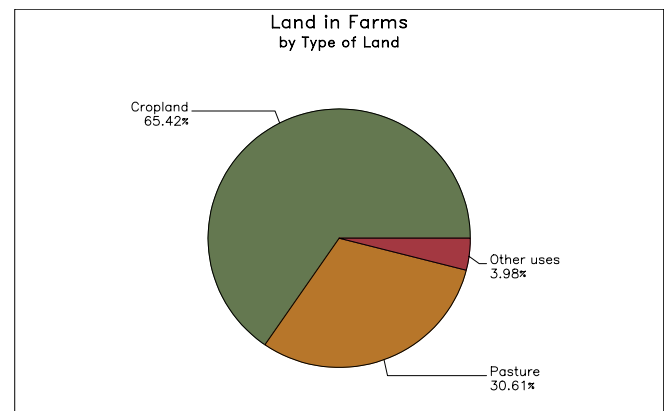
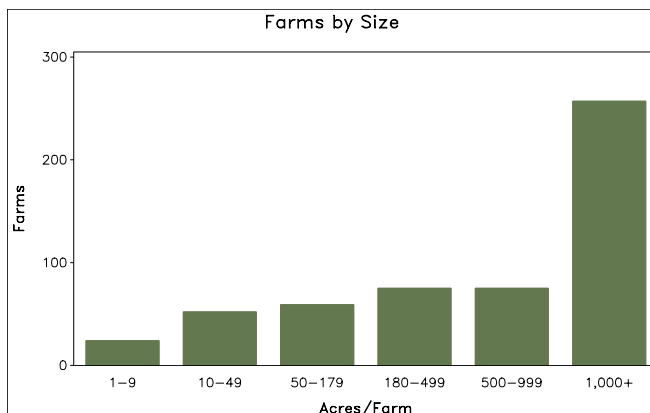
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Pondera County Montana

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	542	520	+ 4
<b>Land in Farms</b>	944,486 acres	900,107 acres	+ 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,743 acres	1,731 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$75,108,000	\$48,181,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$48,379,000 (64 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$26,730,000 (36 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$138,576	\$92,657	+ 50
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$9,108,000	\$8,694,000	+ 5
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$22,160	\$23,819	- 7



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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	75,108	13	56	1,168	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	48,379	7	56	875	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,730	23	56	1,286	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	46,587	5	54	613	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	166	14	41	1,595	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	24	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	42	26	42	2,280	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,583	33	56	1,078	3,054
Poultry and eggs	711	3	55	1,047	3,020
Cattle and calves	16,313	35	56	823	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,501	6	48	990	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,296	1	54	483	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	571	12	55	219	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	89	33	56	1,799	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	249	24	52	598	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Wheat for grain, all	183,810	10	53	45	2,481
Barley for grain	74,747	2	53	6	1,154
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	34,849	36	56	572	3,060
Dry edible peas	3,735	11	31	42	277
Field and grass seed crops, all	(D)	7	37	91	931
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	35,256	3	56	556	3,024
Cattle and calves	28,799	38	56	1,072	3,060
Hogs and pigs	27,325	1	53	448	2,958
Pullets for laying flock replacement	17,278	1	48	433	2,627
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,600	7	41	669	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	131	Farming	325
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	217
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Male	496
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Female	46
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	67
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	129	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	45	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	27	White	763
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	67,191	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	123,969	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23,313		
Average per farm (\$)	43,013		

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.