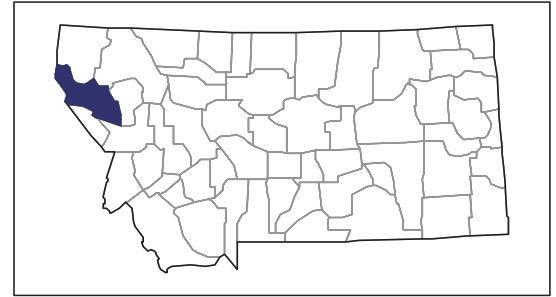


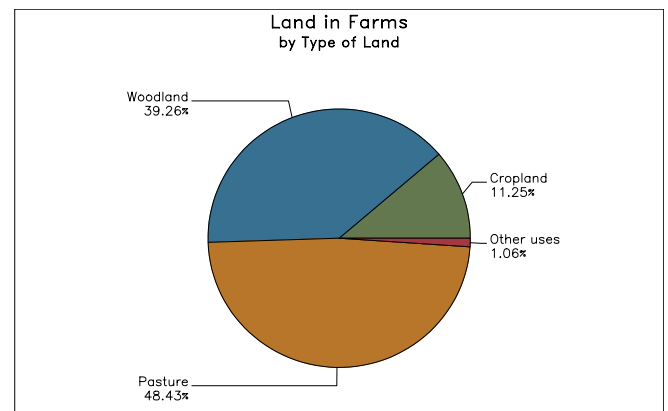
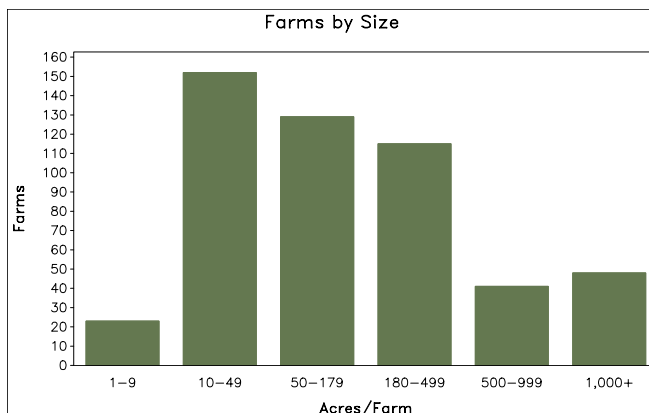
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Sanders County Montana

|  | 2007          | 2002          | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                   | 508           | 464           | + 9      |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                     | 341,913 acres | 345,775 acres | - 1      |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>              | 673 acres     | 745 acres     | - 10     |
| <b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>     | \$14,010,000  | \$14,079,000  | 0        |
| Crop Sales \$6,398,000 (46 percent)      |               |               |          |
| Livestock Sales \$7,612,000 (54 percent) |               |               |          |
| Average Per Farm                         | \$27,579      | \$30,342      | - 9      |
| <b>Government Payments</b>               | \$183,000     | \$200,000     | - 9      |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments      | \$2,776       | \$2,737       | + 1      |



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### Sanders County – Montana

#### 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                               | 14,010   | 49         | 56                    | 2,446     | 3,076                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 6,398    | 42         | 56                    | 2,118     | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 7,612    | 51         | 56                    | 2,215     | 3,069                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 175      | 52         | 54                    | 2,372     | 2,933                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 437                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 626                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 213      | 13         | 41                    | 1,479     | 2,796                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 101      | 5          | 24                    | 1,394     | 2,659                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 5,027    | 2          | 42                    | 470       | 2,703                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | 34       | 3          | 9                     | 721       | 1,710                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 847      | 46         | 56                    | 1,712     | 3,054                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 25       | 28         | 55                    | 2,028     | 3,020                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 7,293    | 48         | 56                    | 1,450     | 3,054                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 34       | 37         | 48                    | 2,175     | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 2        | 48         | 54                    | 2,676     | 2,922                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 18       | 53         | 55                    | 2,364     | 2,998                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 66       | 40         | 56                    | 2,017     | 3,024                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 15                    | -         | 1,498                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | 173      | 33         | 52                    | 752       | 2,875                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 21,326   | 47         | 56                    | 996       | 3,060                 |
| Wheat for grain, all  | 520      | 51         | 53                    | 1,829     | 2,481                 |
| Nursery stock   | 453      | 1          | 21                    | 224       | 2,130                 |
| Oats for grain  | 202      | 44         | 52                    | 1,031     | 1,957                 |
| Cut Christmas trees   | 186      | 4          | 12                    | 318       | 1,756                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 14,643   | 49         | 56                    | 1,682     | 3,060                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 1,655    | 25         | 56                    | 775       | 3,066                 |
| Layers  | 1,002    | 25         | 56                    | 1,630     | 3,024                 |
| Llamas  | (D)      | 1          | 52                    | 4         | 2,518                 |
| Colonies of bees  | 814      | 32         | 41                    | 492       | 2,640                 |

#### Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales:                    |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 197      | Farming   | 202      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 58       | Other   | 306      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 65       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 47       | Male  | 417      |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 35       | Female  | 91       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 12       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 58.2     |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 29       | All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :                              |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 14       | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 72       |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 20       | Asian   | 5        |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 22       | Black or African American   | 1        |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 5        | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 4        | White   | 697      |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 13,561   | More than one race  | 8        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 26,695   | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup> | 6        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 2,266    |   |          |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 4,461    |   |          |

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.