

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Petroleum, Montana

#### Number of farms

89 farms in 2002, 89 farms in 1997, unchanged.

#### Land in farms

538,028 acres in 2002, 528,700 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

#### Average size of farm

6,045 acres in 2002, 5,940 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$9,067,000 in 2002, \$9,135,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,025,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,042,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

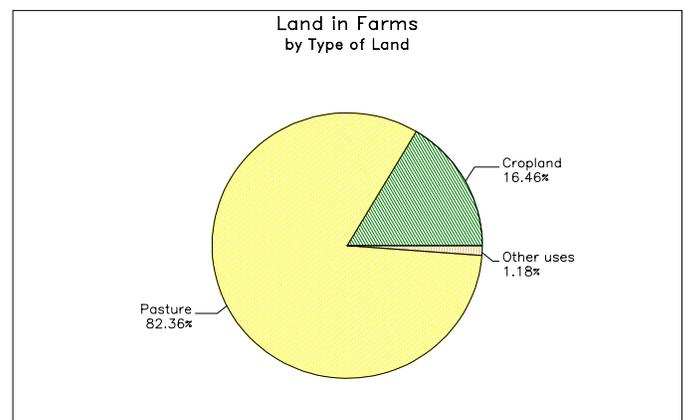
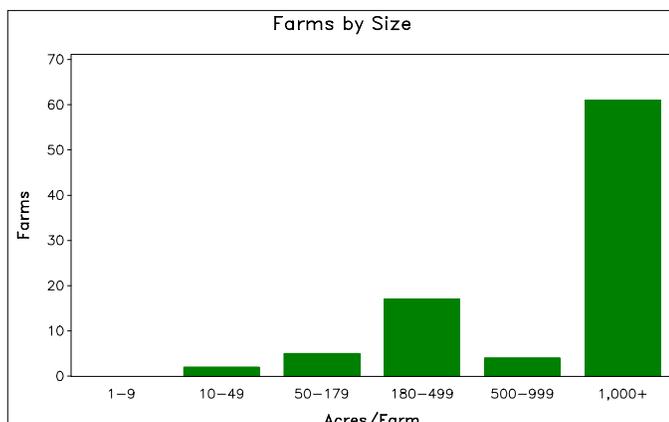
\$101,877 in 2002, \$102,637 in 1997, down 1 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$908,000 in 2002, \$749,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$21,109 in 2002, \$18,273 in 1997, up 16 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 56 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	9,067	50	56	2,549	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,025	51	56	2,720	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,042	46	56	2,047	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	695	44	55	1,893	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	41	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	330	51	56	2,238	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	52	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,747	43	56	1,181	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	46	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	217	29	56	415	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	52	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,807	44	56	1,523	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,174	32	56	356	2,867
Horses and ponies	390	53	56	2,396	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	50	52	(D)	2,926
Mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	46	53	(D)	2,649
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	14,720	33	54	521	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,929	53	56	1,684	3,059
Barley	(D)	45	55	(D)	1,246
Corn for silage	(D)	19	29	(D)	2,307
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	27	40	(D)	1,293

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	19	Farming	65
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3	Other	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3	Male	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	146
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,145	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	103,925	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,318	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	14,975	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.