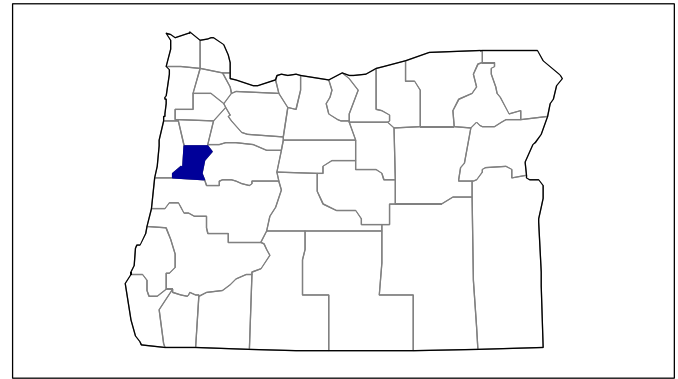




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Number of farms

912 farms in 2002, 858 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

130,203 acres in 2002, 137,465 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

143 acres in 2002, 160 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$84,585,000 in 2002, \$71,918,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$74,215,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,370,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

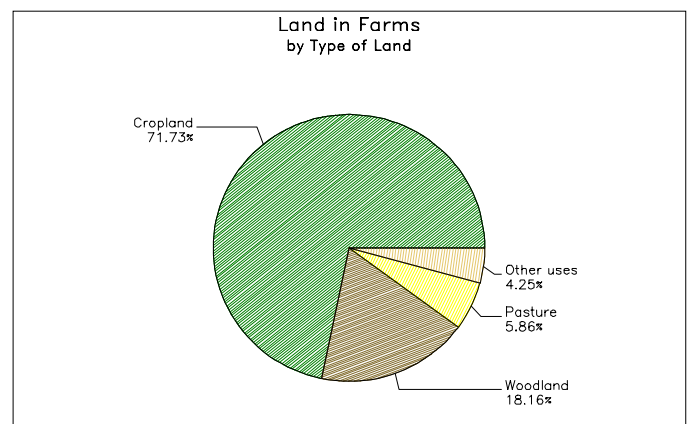
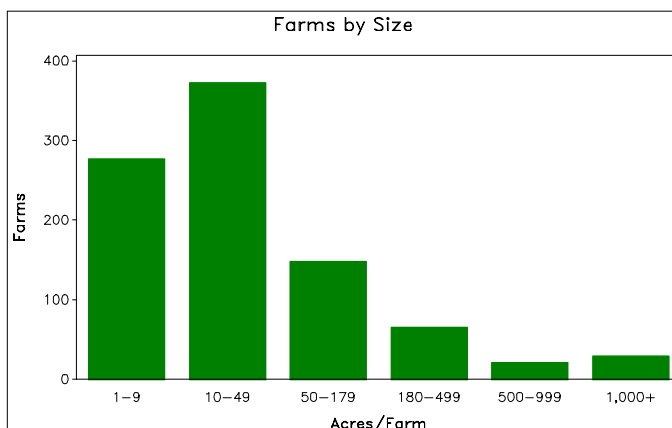
\$92,746 in 2002, \$83,821 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$285,000 in 2002, \$321,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,582 in 2002, \$4,793 in 1997, up 16 percent.



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Ranked items among the 36 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	84,585	13	36	650	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	74,215	9	36	257	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,370	24	36	1,855	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,022	13	31	1,415	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	20,890	5	34	100	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,032	16	33	195	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,039	19	32	793	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	24,926	2	25	2	1,774
Other crops and hay	20,307	10	36	74	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,366	28	36	2,047	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,616	12	31	576	2,493
Hogs and pigs	114	10	36	1,413	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	419	12	36	218	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	387	18	36	549	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	923	7	35	140	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,863	30	36	2,345	3,059
Sheep and lambs	5,013	14	36	224	2,867
Colonies of bees	3,803	5	30	154	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,140	11	36	873	2,983
Rabbits ³	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Field and grass seed crops	37,082	6	24	7	1,293
Cut Christmas trees	12,085	3	29	3	1,877
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,457	27	36	1,725	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	8,481	4	34	75	2,710
All Wheat for grain	5,356	15	29	891	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	257	Farming	455
\$1,000 to \$2,499	204	Other	457
\$2,500 to \$4,999	124	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	93	Male	707
\$10,000 to \$19,999	75	Female	205
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	White	1,489
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Black or African American	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	American Indian or Alaska Native	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6
\$500,000 or more	29	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	55,430	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	60,912	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	45
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	32,006		
Average per farm (\$)	35,172		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.