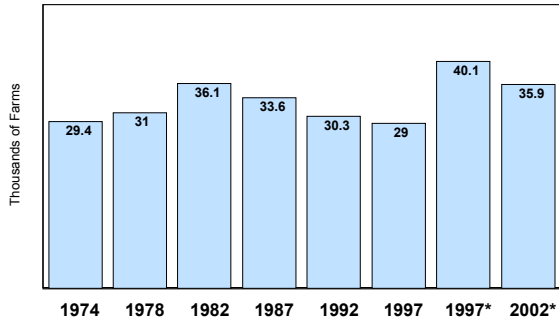


Washington Quick Facts from the Census of Agriculture

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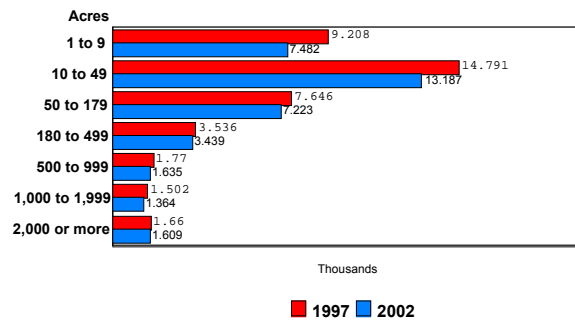
A farm or ranch is defined as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the reference year.

Farms and Ranches: 1974 - 2002

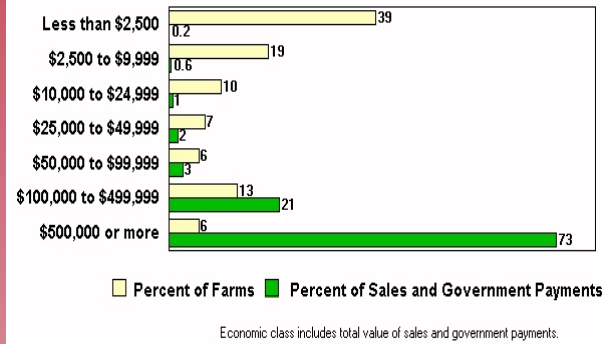


*Farm counts include measures for missed and misclassified farms.

Farms by Size: 1997 and 2002



Distribution of Farms by Economic Class: 2002



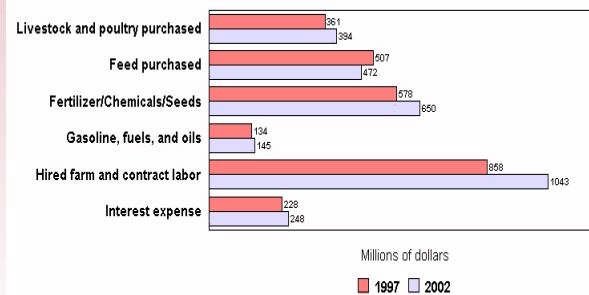
Economic class includes total value of sales and government payments.

Net Cash Farm Income: 2002

Economic Class	Farms	Net Cash Farm Income (thousands of dollars)	Average per Farm (dollars)
Less than \$1,000	8,747	-81,593	-9,328
\$1,000 to \$2,499	5,285	-26,392	-4,994
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3,350	-22,921	-6,842
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3,275	-16,545	-5,052
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3,679	-7,166	-1,948
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,642	13,541	5,125
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,086	33,847	16,226
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3,021	148,261	49,083
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,816	159,448	87,802
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,087	209,299	192,547
\$1,000,000 or more	971	810,097	834,292

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Selected Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 2002



Estimated Value of Land and Buildings

	1997	2002
Value of land and buildings.....	\$20,867,404	\$22,414,438
Average per farm.....	\$520,306	\$623,333
Average per acre.....	\$1292	\$1,486

Farms by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

	Farms	Percent
Crop		
Oilseed and grain farming.....	3,044	8%
Vegetable and melon farming.....	1,216	3%
Fruit and tree nut farming.....	5,877	16%
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production.....	2,211	6%
Other crop farming.....	6,065	17%
Animal		
Beef cattle.....	7,393	21%
Cattle feedlots.....	1,004	3%
Dairy cattle and milk production.....	845	2%
Hog and pig.....	348	1%
Poultry and egg production.....	455	1%
Sheep and goat.....	1,060	3%
Aquaculture and other animal production.....	6,421	18%

NAICS classifies farms based on primary activity. Each farm is represented once, categorized by the product accounting for 50% or more of the total production value, farms with no single product accounting for 50% or more are classified as other.

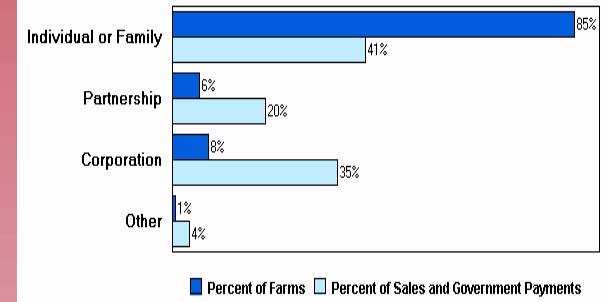
Information from the Census of Agriculture is used daily across America in all types of agricultural planning and decision-making. Whether decisions affect farmers at the county, State, or national level, the census is an excellent tool for telling the story of all farmers and ranchers.

Average Farm: 2002

Average Size Farm (acres).....	426
Average Total Value of Sales and Government Payments..	\$152,049
Average Net Cash Farm Income	\$33,925
Average Age of Principal Operator.....	55.4
Average Years on Present Farm for Principal Operator.....	19.2

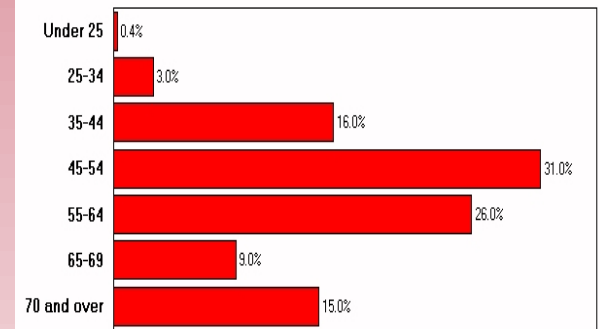
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Type of Organization: 2002



Other includes cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.

Age of Principal Operator: 2002



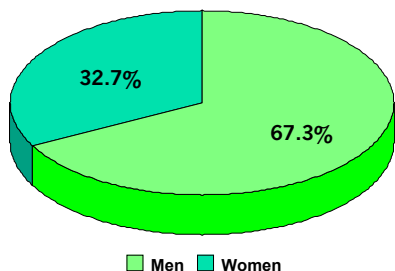
Tenure of Principal Operator: 2002

	Full Owner	Part Owner	Tenant
Farms	26,244	7,199	2,496
Value of Sales and Government Payments	\$2,361,788,000	\$2,472,223,000	\$630,492,000

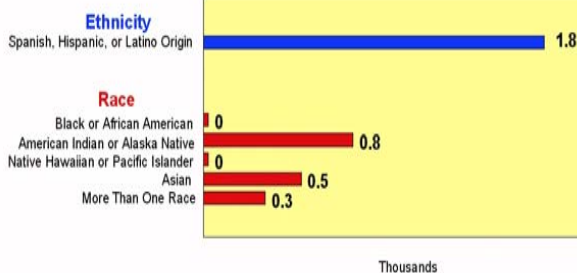
Primary Occupation of Principal Operator - Farming or Other: 2002

	Farming	Other
Farms	21,013	14,926
Value of Sales and Government Payments.....	\$4,766,710,000	\$697,793,000

Sex of All Operators: 2002



Operators by Ethnicity and Specified Race: 2002



The census collected data on up to 3 operators per farm. These counts include all operators reported

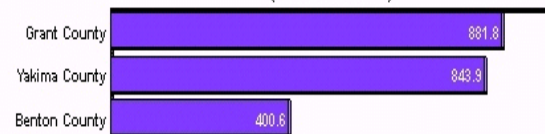
Computer Usage

	Farms	Percent
Computer Usage for Farm Business.....	19,537	54%
Internet Access.....	23,353	65%

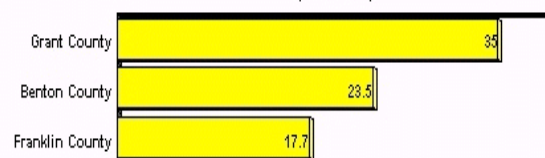
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Top 3 Counties for Selected Items: 2002

Value of Agricultural Products Sold (Millions of Dollars)



Sweet Corn Acres Harvested (Thousands)



Berry Acres Harvested (Thousands)



Bearing Apple Acres (Thousands of Acres)



Potato Acres Harvested (Thousands)



Broiler & Other Meat-type Chickens Sold (Millions)



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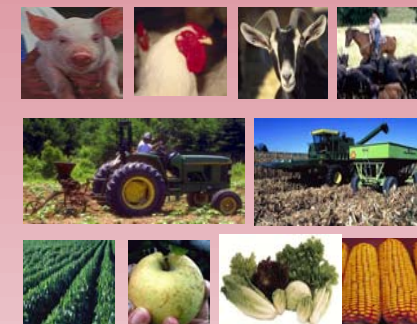
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