

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Columbia, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

884 farms in 2002, 955 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

123,514 acres in 2002, 125,638 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

140 acres in 2002, 132 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$35,123,000 in 2002, \$42,515,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,310,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,813,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

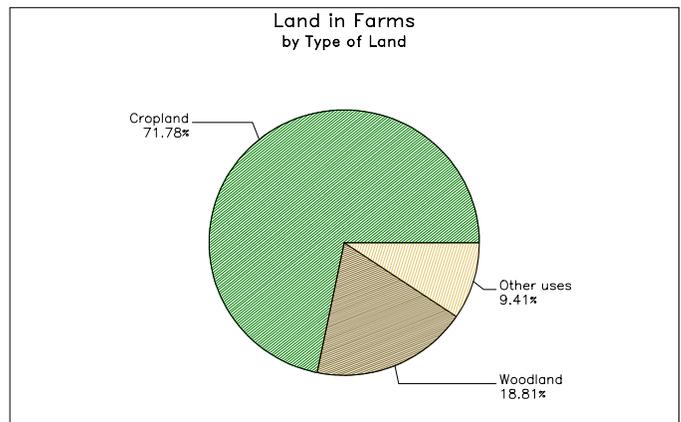
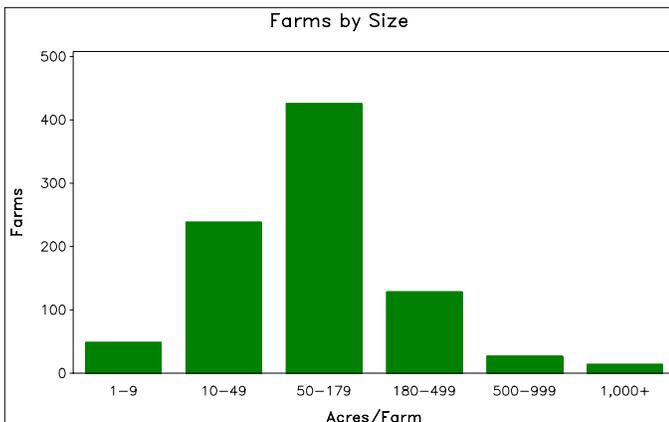
\$39,732 in 2002, \$44,518 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,616,000 in 2002, \$1,249,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,133 in 2002, \$3,322 in 1997, up 24 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 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 | 35,123 | 35 | 67 | 1,559 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 19,310 | 16 | 67 | 1,199 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 15,813 | 38 | 66 | 1,498 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 4,739 | 14 | 65 | 1,259 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | (D) | (D) | 19 | (D) | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 3,524 | 14 | 67 | 393 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 66 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 6,415 | 17 | 66 | 384 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 2,355 | 4 | 66 | 27 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,219 | 35 | 66 | 1,056 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 2,499 | 21 | 66 | 779 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,929 | 45 | 66 | 2,198 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 8,832 | 40 | 65 | 417 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,091 | 21 | 66 | 703 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 27 | 50 | 66 | 1,691 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 105 | 42 | 65 | 1,736 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | 82 | 21 | 60 | 614 | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 249 | 19 | 66 | 503 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | (D) | 19 | 67 | (D) | 2,983 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 77,785 | 18 | 64 | 565 | 2,599 |
| Turkeys | (D) | 20 | 61 | (D) | 2,328 |
| Cattle and calves | 11,694 | 42 | 66 | 1,921 | 3,059 |
| Hogs and pigs | 11,602 | 22 | 65 | 672 | 2,926 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 18,623 | 14 | 66 | 832 | 2,592 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 17,749 | 45 | 66 | 1,216 | 3,059 |
| Soybeans | 11,446 | 10 | 58 | 999 | 2,076 |
| All Wheat for grain | 4,670 | 13 | 60 | 952 | 2,517 |
| Corn for silage | 3,545 | 37 | 65 | 494 | 2,307 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 370 | Farming | 460 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 77 | Other | 424 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 80 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 67 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 71 | Male | 765 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 22 | Female | 119 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 40 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 25 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 54.0 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 57 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 46 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 15 | White | 1,201 |
| \$500,000 or more | 14 | Black or African American | - |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 38,311 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 43,387 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 462 | More than one race | 2 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 523 | All operators ² 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.

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.