

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Alaska

Number of farms

609 farms in 2002, 548 farms in 1997, up 11 percent.

Land in farms

900,715 acres in 2002, 881,045 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

1,479 acres in 2002, 1,608 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$46,143,000 in 2002, \$24,650,000 in 1997, up 87 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$20,543,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,600,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

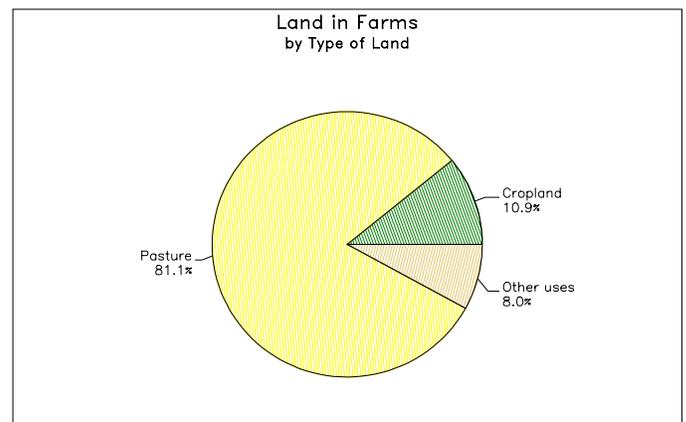
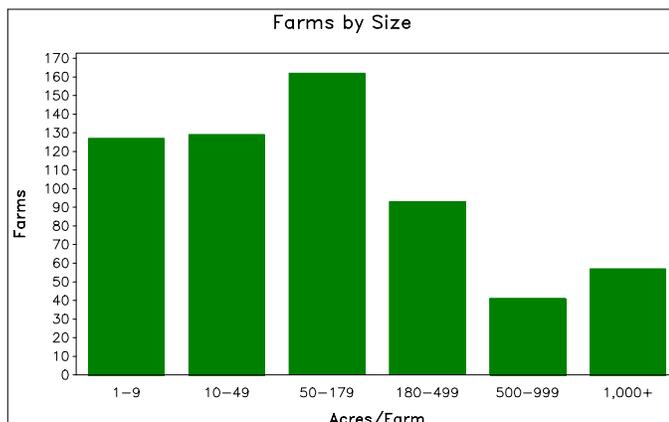
\$75,768 in 2002, \$44,982 in 1997, up 68 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,765,000 in 2002, \$1,195,000 in 1997, up 48 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$24,516 in 2002, \$10,305 in 1997, up 138 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

| Item | Quantity | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 46,143 | 50 | 50 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 20,543 | 50 | 50 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 25,600 | 49 | 50 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | (D) | (D) | 50 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 23 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 17 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes | 4,017 | 49 | 50 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 50 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 12,680 | 47 | 50 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 50 |
| Other crops and hay | 3,057 | 48 | 50 |
| Poultry and eggs | 104 | 50 | 50 |
| Cattle and calves | 759 | 49 | 50 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 3,246 | 50 | 50 |
| Hogs and pigs | 205 | 50 | 50 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 29 | 50 | 50 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 111 | 50 | 50 |
| Aquaculture | 20,807 | 12 | 50 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 339 | 49 | 50 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 12,609 | 49 | 50 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 2,872 | 50 | 50 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,922 | 50 | 50 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 1,533 | 49 | 50 |
| Hogs and pigs | 1,201 | 50 | 50 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 25,051 | 47 | 50 |
| Barley | 3,672 | 27 | 43 |
| Oats | 1,107 | 42 | 48 |
| Potatoes | 851 | 35 | 50 |
| All Vegetables harvested | 364 | 49 | 50 |

Other State Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 127 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 80 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 59 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 96 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 65 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 24 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 31 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 22 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 34 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 33 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 23 |
| \$500,000 or more | 15 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 39,123 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 64,242 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 10,511 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 17,260 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 370 |
| Other | 239 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 492 |
| Female | 117 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.2 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 825 |
| Black or African American | 1 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 43 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| Asian | 4 |
| More than one race | 8 |
| All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 10 |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.