

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Dawson, Montana

#### Number of farms

522 farms in 2002, 538 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

#### Land in farms

1,410,885 acres in 2002, 1,383,887 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

#### Average size of farm

2,703 acres in 2002, 2,572 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$36,147,000 in 2002, \$34,829,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,459,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,688,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

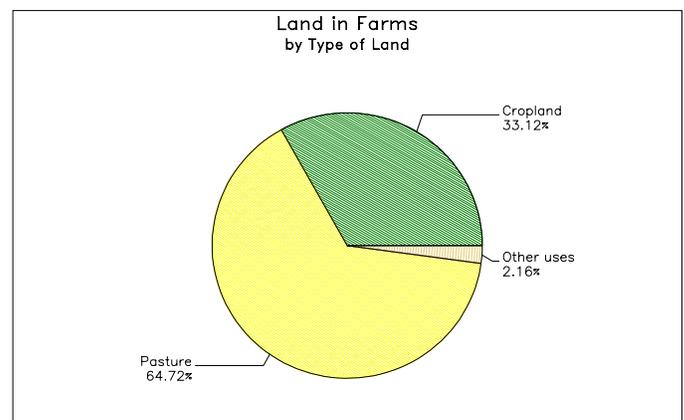
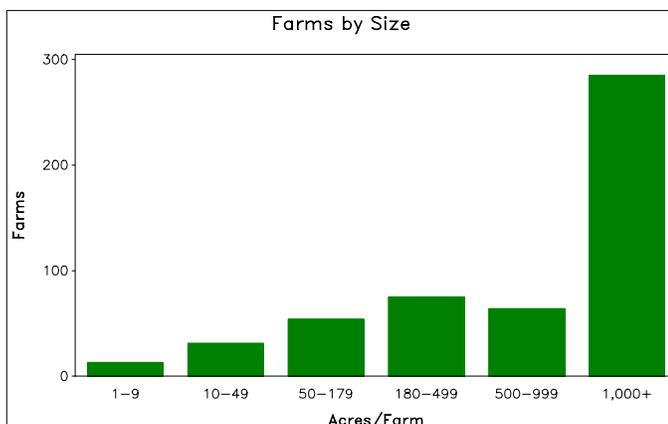
\$69,247 in 2002, \$64,739 in 1997, up 7 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$5,496,000 in 2002, \$4,494,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

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

\$16,117 in 2002, \$12,114 in 1997, up 33 percent.



**2002 Census of Agriculture  
County Profile  
United States Department of Agriculture, Montana Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Dawson, Montana**

**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	36,147	23	56	1,529	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,459	15	56	1,190	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,688	28	56	1,456	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,979	15	55	786	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	22	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	44	52	2,658	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,516	24	56	677	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	409	18	46	1,744	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	378	24	56	243	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	135	32	56	1,493	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	44,594	23	56	673	3,059
Sheep and lambs	7,319	12	56	160	2,867
Colonies of bees	(D)	21	44	(D)	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,243	31	56	995	3,065
Hogs and pigs	1,089	21	52	1,318	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	164,040	11	54	57	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	55,890	17	56	230	3,059
Barley	14,972	15	55	74	1,246
Safflower	4,194	3	21	12	112
Dry edible peas	3,411	3	25	17	215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	112	Farming	371
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	151
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	46	Male	465
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	57
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	79		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	92	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	White	767
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,750	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	62,382	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,643	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	18,368	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.