

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Silver Bow, Montana

#### Number of farms

155 farms in 2002, 145 farms in 1997, up 7 percent.

#### Land in farms

73,792 acres in 2002, 103,374 acres in 1997, down 29 percent.

#### Average size of farm

476 acres in 2002, 713 acres in 1997, down 33 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$2,858,000 in 2002, \$3,333,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$241,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,617,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

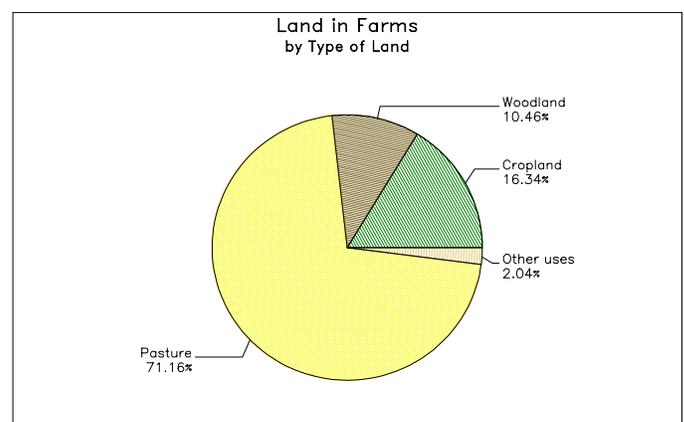
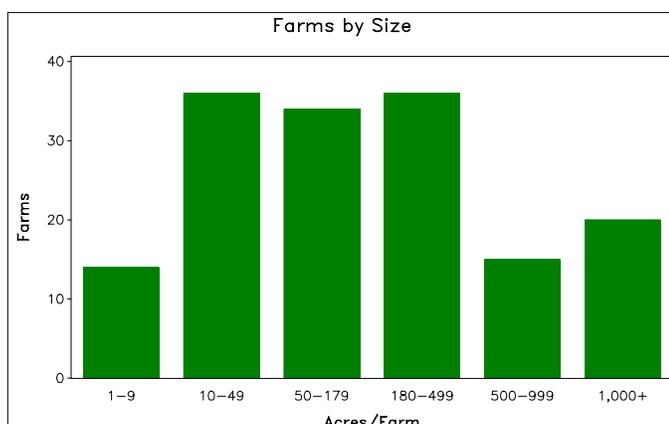
\$18,440 in 2002, \$22,990 in 1997, down 20 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$41,000 in 2002, \$12,000 in 1997, up 242 percent.

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

\$2,383 in 2002, \$1,758 in 1997, up 36 percent.



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**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	2,858	54	56	2,893	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	241	55	56	2,988	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,617	54	56	2,622	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	55	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	41	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	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	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,408	54	56	2,041	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14	42	53	2,181	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	53	56	2,096	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	156	28	56	1,357	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	5,937	54	56	2,431	3,059
Horses and ponies	758	45	56	1,642	3,065
Sheep and lambs	291	52	56	1,774	2,867
Hogs and pigs	(D)	39	52	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	68	52	54	2,811	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,281	55	56	2,146	3,059
Oats	(D)	54	55	(D)	2,215
Apples	(D)	19	22	(D)	2,173

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	69	Farming	83
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15	Other	72
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	15	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Male	135
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	White	220
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,229	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	20,834	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-350	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	-2,257	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.