



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Preble, Ohio



Number of farms

1,065 farms in 2002, 1,123 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

198,048 acres in 2002, 202,746 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

186 acres in 2002, 181 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$58,160,000 in 2002, \$68,710,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$32,419,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,742,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

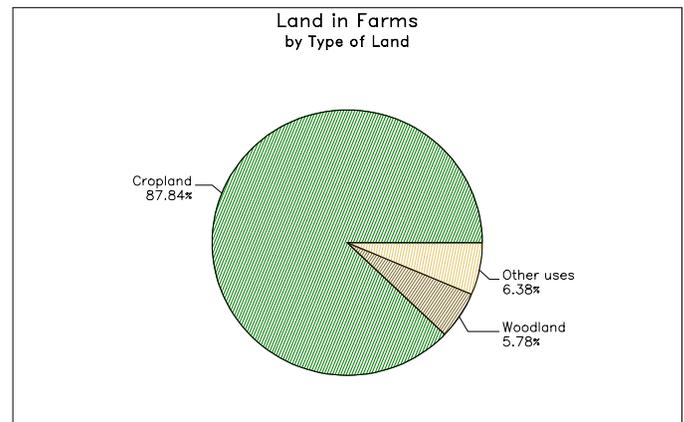
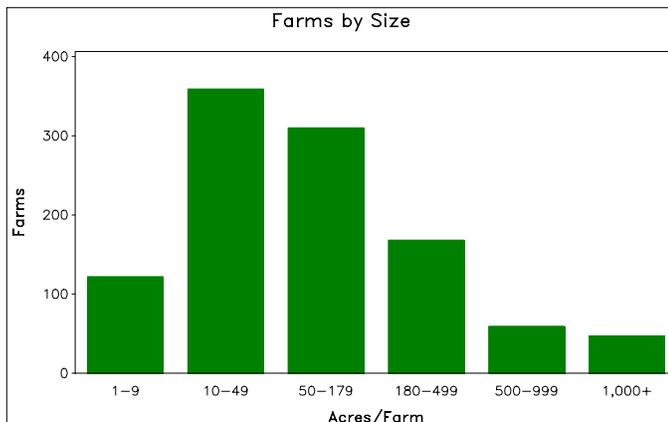
\$54,611 in 2002, \$61,184 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,781,000 in 2002, \$2,572,000 in 1997, up 47 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,672 in 2002, \$5,627 in 1997, up 54 percent.



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Ranked items among the 88 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	58,160	25	88	983	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	32,419	30	88	805	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,742	21	88	1,073	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30,554	22	88	478	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	24	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	175	71	88	1,427	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	920	51	88	1,322	3,046
Poultry and eggs	135	35	88	1,260	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,715	12	88	1,184	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11,931	7	88	246	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	136	27	88	628	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	294	39	88	746	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	39	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	36,371	12	88	358	2,926
Cattle and calves	16,670	26	88	1,636	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,811	34	88	900	2,983
Turkeys	(D)	9	81	(D)	2,328
Sheep and lambs	1,665	37	88	656	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	85,633	26	88	339	2,076
Corn for grain	60,306	17	88	417	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,768	54	88	1,900	3,059
All Wheat for grain	6,784	41	88	794	2,517
Corn for silage	1,770	40	87	821	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	234
\$1,000 to \$2,499	150
\$2,500 to \$4,999	125
\$5,000 to \$9,999	131
\$10,000 to \$19,999	101
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71
\$100,000 to \$249,999	81
\$250,000 to \$499,999	37
\$500,000 or more	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,768
Average per farm (\$)	58,937
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,103
Average per farm (\$)	2,914

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	615
Other	450
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	973
Female	92
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,421
Black or African American	8
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(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.