



MONTANA AGRICULTURAL FACTS 2014



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Montana Facts and Figures

Montana's 2010 population, at 989,415, was up 9.7 percent from 2000. Population density, measured in people per square mile, was 6.8 in 2010--third lowest in the United States. Montana's 59.8 million acres of land in farms and ranches ranks second in the nation behind Texas.

Montana Population

Total, 2010 Census	989,415
People Per Square Mile	6.8

Land and Land Utilization ^{1/}

Montana Total Land Area, Miles	145,522	Sq Miles
Montana Total Land Area, Acres	93,134,579	Acres
All Land in Farms & Ranches	59,758,917	Acres
Proportion of Land in Farms & Ranches	64.2	Percent

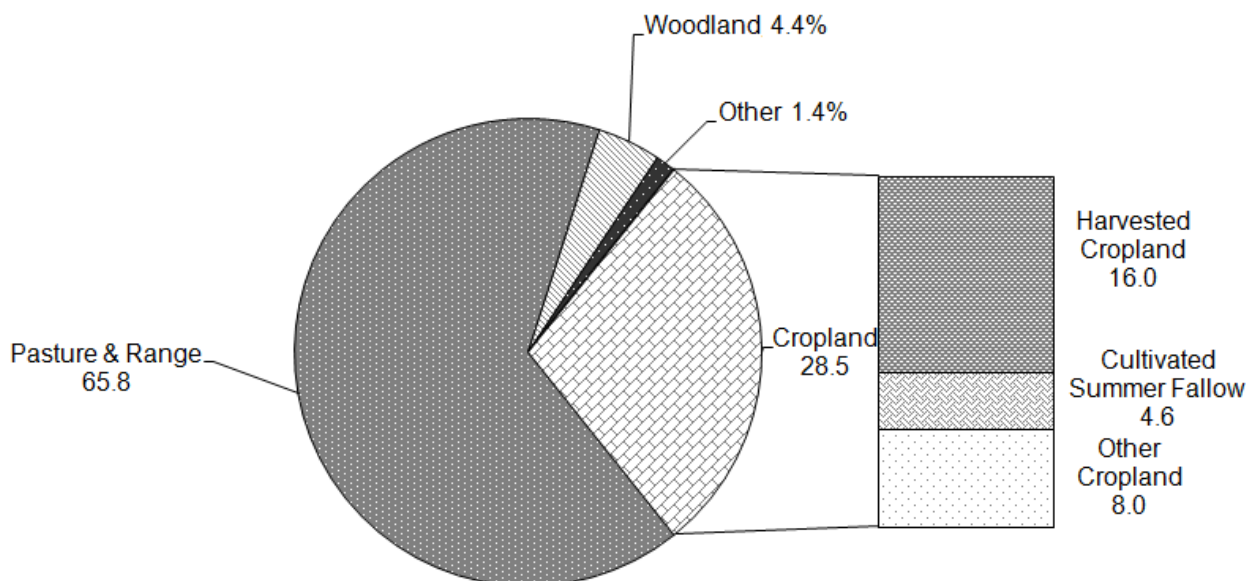
^{1/} 2012 U.S. Census of Agriculture.

Farm Counts and Measurements

Number of Farms and ranches ^{1/}	27,800	Real Estate Value/Farm or Ranch ^{3/}	\$1,724,507
Average Size of Farm or Ranch ^{1/}	2,147 Acres	Average Value Per Acre ^{4/}	\$860
Total Farm & Ranch Assets ^{2/,3/}	\$58.5 Bil	Farm & Ranch Debt Per Operation ^{3/}	\$347,291
Average Value Per Farm or Ranch ^{3/}	\$2,088,689		

^{1/} Places with annual sale of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more, 2014 figure. ^{2/} Excludes farm operators' household assets and debt. ^{3/} Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Farm Sector Balance Sheet, 2014 figures. ^{4/} Per acre, land and buildings, January 1, 2014.

Land in Farms & Ranches: Utilization as a Percentage of Total



Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Montana Annual Crop Summary, 2013-2014

Crop	Year	Planted Acres (000)	Harvested Acres (000)	Yield per Acre	Production (000)	Season Avg. Price	Value of Production (000)	U.S. Total Production (000)
Winter Wheat (Bu).....	2013	2,000	1,900	43.0	81,700	\$7.05	\$575,985	1,542,902
	2014	2,500	2,240	41.0	91,840	\$5.80	\$532,672	1,377,526
Durum Wheat (Bu).....	2013	450	435	**35.0	15,225	\$7.15	\$108,859	57,976
	2014	435	430	31.0	13,330	\$8.95	\$119,304	53,087
Spring Wheat (Bu).....	2013	2,950	2,830	37.0	104,710	\$6.70	\$701,557	534,101
	2014	3,050	2,980	35.0	104,300	\$6.05	\$631,015	595,038
All Wheat (Bu).....	2013	5,400	5,165	39.0	201,635	\$6.87	\$1,386,401	2,134,979
	2014	5,985	5,650	37.1	209,470	\$6.15	\$1,282,991	2,025,651
Barley (Bu).....	2013	990	830	52.0	43,160	\$6.32	**\$272,771	216,745
	2014	920	770	58.0	44,660	\$5.40	\$241,164	176,794
Oats (Bu).....	2013	50	22	54.0	1,188	\$2.87	\$3,410	64,642
	2014	45	*16	**69.0	1,104	\$3.30	\$3,643	69,684
Corn for Grain (Bu) 1/.....	2013	120	75	115.0	**8,625	\$4.27	\$36,829	13,828,964
	2014	130	75	100.0	7,500	\$3.75	\$28,125	14,215,532
Flaxseed (Bu).....	2013	20.0	16.0	15.0	240	\$14.00	\$3,360	3,356
	2014	28.0	25.0	17.0	425	\$10.40	\$4,420	6,368
Corn for Silage (Ton).....	2013	--	41.0	23.0	943	--	--	118,296
	2014	--	51.0	22.0	1,122	--	--	128,048
Sugar Beets (Ton).....	2013	43.4	42.8	29.2	1,250	\$39.40	\$49,250	32,789
	2014	45.0	44.5	**32.3	1,437	--	--	31,386
Alfalfa Hay (Ton) 2/.....	2013	--	1,800	2.20	3,960	\$141.00	**\$558,360	57,217
	2014	--	1,850	2.10	3,885	\$128.00	\$497,280	61,446
Other Hay (Ton) 2/.....	2013	--	1,000	1.50	1,500	\$122.00	**\$183,000	77,785
	2014	--	880	1.70	1,496	\$117.00	\$175,032	78,352
All Hay (Ton) 2/.....	2013	--	2,800	1.95	5,460	\$138.00	**\$741,360	135,002
	2014	--	2,730	1.97	5,381	\$126.00	\$672,312	139,798
Sweet Cherries (Ton) 3/, 4/.....	2013	--	700	2.88	2,015	\$2,070.00	\$3,702	332,090
	2014	--	700	2.87	2,010	\$2,100.00	\$3,775	381,900
Fall Potatoes (Cwt).....	2013	11.3	11.1	310	3,441	**\$12.90	\$44,389	395,275
	2014	11.5	11.3	320	3,616	\$12.70	\$45,923	408,329
All Dry Beans (Cwt).....	2013	24.0	23.6	19.2	453	\$30.10	\$13,635	24,576
	2014	37.5	37.0	16.3	**603	\$28.00	\$16,884	29,206
Pinto Beans (Cwt).....	2013	5.8	5.7	24.0	137	--	--	8,486
	2014	6.0	5.8	22.0	128	--	--	9,834
All Garbanzo Beans (Cwt)....	2013	18.0	17.7	17.6	312	--	--	3,559
	2014	31.5	**31.2	15.2	**475	--	--	2,808
Lentils (Cwt).....	2013	140.0	129.0	**15.0	1,935	\$18.30	\$35,411	5,019
	2014	130.0	119.0	14.8	1,761	\$20.90	\$36,805	3,367
Dry Peas (Cwt).....	2013	440.0	395.0	18.0	7,110	\$13.50	\$95,985	15,620
	2014	**525.0	**504.0	18.0	**9,072	\$10.60	**\$96,163	17,155
Austrian Winter Peas (Cwt)...	2013	10.0	8.0	15.5	124	\$19.50	**\$2,418	228
	2014	12.0	7.0	10.0	70	**\$25.00	\$1,750	225
Canola (Lb).....	2013	**72.0	**69.0	1,540	**106,260	\$0.19	**\$20,189	2,210,505
	2014	63.0	61.0	1,380	84,180	\$0.17	\$14,058	2,510,995
Mustard Seed (Lb).....	2013	22.0	21.0	650	13,650	--	--	36,727
	2014	16.5	15.2	**990	15,048	--	--	29,004
Safflower (Lb).....	2013	36.0	35.0	**1,110	38,850	\$0.31	**\$12,044	210,238
	2014	**54.0	**50.5	840	**42,420	\$0.27	\$11,453	208,643

1/ Planted for all purposes. 2/ Price of baled hay. 3/ Total production. 4/ Value of utilized production. -- Not Available *Record Low **Record High

Selected Montana Livestock

Item	1/1/2014	1/1/2015	Percent of Previous Year
ALL CATTLE and CALVES (Head)..	2,550,000	2,500,000	98
Cows & Heifers that have calved.....	1,490,000	1,520,000	102
Beef Cows.....	1,476,000	1,506,000	102
Milk Cows.....	14,000	14,000	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over.....	650,000	630,000	97
For beef cow replacement...	430,000	425,000	99
For milk cow replacement....	9,000	7,000	78
Other heifers.....	211,000	198,000	94
Steers 500 pounds and over.....	220,000	175,000	80
Bulls 500 pounds and over.....	100,000	100,000	100
Calves less than 500 pounds.....	90,000	75,000	83
Cattle on Feed.....	55,000	40,000	73
	2013	2014	Percent of Previous Year
Calf Crop (Head).....	1,470,000	1,480,000	101
	1/1/2014	1/1/2015	Percent of Previous Year
ALL SHEEP and LAMBS (Head).....	220,000	215,000	98
Breeding Sheep.....	198,000	193,000	98
One Year Old and Older.....			
Ewes.....	155,000	153,000	99
Rams.....	6,000	6,000	100
Replacements Lambs.....	37,000	34,000	92
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	22,000	22,000	100
Sheep.....	1,000	2,000	200
Lambs.....	21,000	20,000	95
GOATS (Head).....			
Milk Goats.....	3,000	--	--
Meat and Other Goats.....	8,000	--	--
	2013	2014	Percent of Previous Year
Lamb crop (Head).....	200,000	200,000	100
Wool Production (Pounds).....	1,770,000	1,660,000	94
Number Sheep Shorn (Head).....	200,000	185,000	93
Average Pounds per Fleece.....	8.9	9.0	101
	12/1/2013	12/1/2014	Percent of Previous Year
ALL HOGS and PIGS (Head).....	166,000	176,000	106
Kept for Breeding.....	24,000	24,000	100
Market	142,000	152,000	107
	2013	2014	Percent of Previous Year
Sows Farrowing Dec-Nov ^{1/}	45,000	46,500	103
Pig Crop Dec-Nov ^{1/}	462,000	481,000	104
Pigs per Litter Dec-Nov ^{1/}	10.27	10.34	101

^{1/} Previous year. -- Not Available.

Market-Year-Average Prices Received by Montana Farmers ^{1/}

Item	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013 ^{2/}	2014 ^{3/}
	Dollars							
All Wheat (Bu).....	4.63	3.02	3.63	6.29	7.68	8.15	6.87	6.15
Winter Wheat (Bu).....	4.62	2.87	3.51	5.81	6.74	7.96	7.05	5.80
Spring Wheat (Bu).....	4.59	3.03	3.80	6.87	8.36	8.39	6.70	6.05
Durum Wheat (Bu).....	5.09	3.52	3.45	6.22	10.30	8.12	7.15	8.95
Barley (Bu).....	3.00	2.38	2.92	4.08	5.27	6.41	6.32	5.40
Oats (Bu).....	1.75	1.13	1.63	2.66	3.04	3.74	2.87	3.30
Alfalfa Hay (Ton).....	67.50	86.50	71.00	79.00	98.00	146.00	141.00	128.00
Beef Cattle (Cwt).....	59.80	78.30	104.00	90.10	4/	4/	4/	4/
Steers & Heifers (Cwt).....	66.70	88.30	114.00	107.00	4/	4/	4/	4/
Beef Cows (Cwt).....	37.90	39.50	55.10	54.90	4/	4/	4/	4/
Calves (Cwt).....	69.50	103.00	138.00	128.00	4/	4/	4/	4/
Sheep (Cwt).....	26.80	31.40	43.30	49.00	4/	4/	4/	4/
Lambs (Cwt).....	81.40	84.50	124.00	136.00	4/	4/	4/	4/
Hogs, All (Cwt).....	39.10	39.80	53.10	52.00	4/	4/	4/	4/
Milk, All (Cwt).....	13.30	12.80	15.30	16.90	19.90	18.00	18.70	--
Wool (Lb).....	1.23	0.37	0.98	1.60	2.40	2.10	2.20	2.05

^{1/} Crops are season average prices for each crop's respective marketing year. Other prices are averages weighted by monthly sales. ^{2/} Revised. ^{3/} Preliminary.

^{4/} Livestock price estimation discontinued in 2011. -- Not available.

Montana's Rank in the Nation's Agriculture

ITEM	TOTAL	PERIOD OR DATE	RANK	% U.S. TOTAL
Number of farms and ranches	27,800	2014	30	1.3
Land in farms and ranches (Acres).....	59,700,000	2014	2	6.5
Average Farm Size (Acres).....	2,147	2014	2	NA
Total (000 Dollars).....	4,171,122	2013	31	1.0
Crops (000 Dollars).....	2,413,972	2013	27	1.1
Livestock (000 Dollars).....	1,757,151	2013	30	1.0
All Cattle and Calves (Head).....	2,500,000	Jan. 1, 2015	11	2.8
All Cows (Head).....	1,520,000	Jan. 1, 2015	9	3.9
Beef Cows (Head).....	1,506,000	Jan. 1, 2015	6	5.1
Milk Cows (Head).....	14,000	Jan. 1, 2015	38	0.2
Cattle on Feed (Head).....	40,000	Jan. 1, 2015	23	0.3
All Sheep and Lambs (Head).....	215,000	Jan. 1, 2015	8	4.1
Breeding Sheep (Head).....	193,000	Jan. 1, 2015	7	4.9
Meat and Other Goats (Head).....	--	Jan. 1, 2015	--	--
Milk Goats (Head).....	--	Jan. 1, 2015	--	--
Hogs and Pigs (Head).....	176,000	Dec. 1, 2014	23	0.3
Chickens (Head).....	620,000	Dec. 1, 2014	35	0.1
Calf Crop (Head).....	1,480,000	2014	7	4.4
Lamb Crop (Head).....	200,000	2014	6	5.8
Pig Crop (Head).....	481,000	2014	23	0.4
Wool Production (Lb).....	1,660,000	2014	8	6.2
Egg Production	143,000,000	2014	35	0.1
Honey Production (Lb).....	14,256,000	2014	4	8.0
All Wheat (Bu).....	209,470,000	2014	3	10.3
Winter Wheat (Bu).....	91,840,000	2014	2	6.7
Durum Wheat (Bu).....	13,330,000	2014	2	25.1
Other Spring Wheat (Bu).....	104,300,000	2014	2	17.5
Barley (Bu).....	44,660,000	2014	2	25.3
Oats (Bu).....	1,104,000	2014	17	1.6
All Hay (Ton).....	5,381,000	2014	8	3.9
Alfalfa Hay (Ton).....	3,885,000	2014	5	6.3
Other Hay (Ton).....	1,496,000	2014	21	1.9
All Dry Beans (Cwt).....	603,000	2014	10	2.1
Pinto Beans (Cwt).....	128,000	2014	9	1.3
Garbanzo Beans (Cwt).....	475,000	2014	3	16.9
Lentils (Cwt).....	1,761,000	2014	1	52.3
Dry Edible Peas (Cwt).....	9,072,000	2014	1	52.9
Austrian Winter Peas (Cwt).....	70,000	2014	2	31.1
Fall Potatoes (Cwt).....	3,616,000	2014	13	0.9
Sugar Beets (Ton).....	1,437,000	2014	5	4.6
Flaxseed (Bu).....	425,000	2014	2	6.7
Safflower (Lb).....	42,420,000	2014	2	20.3
Canola (Lb).....	84,180,000	2014	3	3.4
Corn for Grain (Bu).....	7,500,000	2014	36	0.1
Corn for Silage (Ton).....	1,122,000	2014	27	0.9

-- Not Available.