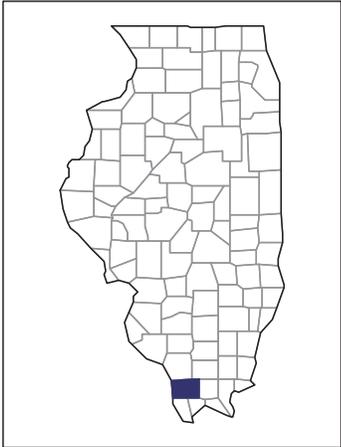


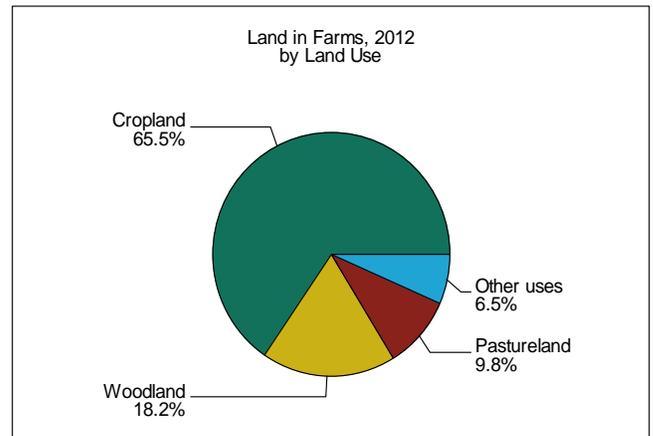
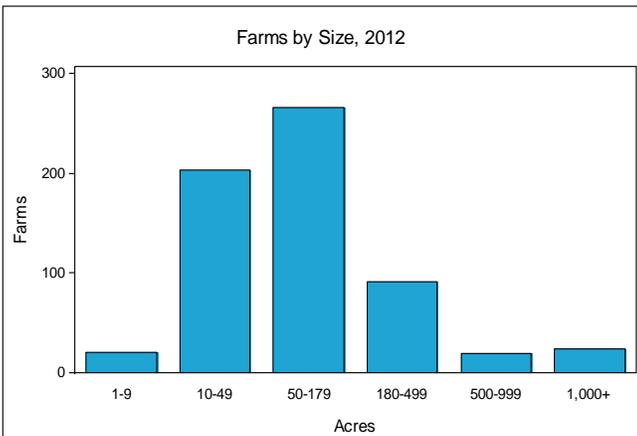
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Union County Illinois

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	623	620	0
<b>Land in Farms</b>	121,173 acres	122,362 acres	- 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	194 acres	197 acres	- 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$33,899,000	\$25,729,000	+ 32
Crop Sales \$30,920,000 (91 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,978,000 (9 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$54,412	\$41,498	+ 31
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,516,000	\$1,883,000	+ 34
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,913	\$5,048	+ 37





## Union County – Illinois

### Ranked items among the 102 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	33,899	92	102	2,061	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,920	91	102	1,462	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,978	92	102	2,663	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,443	94	102	1,167	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	10	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,413	14	94	553	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,505	1	97	228	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	701	39	95	1,213	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	13	31	71	876	1,530
Other crops and hay	845	20	102	2,057	3,049
Poultry and eggs	17	62	102	2,138	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,196	70	102	2,272	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	4	98	100	2,429	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	187	32	101	1,304	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	56	26	98	1,365	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	30,189	91	102	785	2,162
Corn for grain	16,800	95	102	1,027	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,223	7	102	1,607	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	2,566	54	101	1,251	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	2,566	54	101	1,177	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,180	60	102	2,281	3,063
Layers	1,230	43	102	1,700	3,040
Rabbits, live	(D)	4	80	(D)	2,157
Horses and ponies	546	44	102	1,956	3,072
Bison	(D)	1	22	(D)	1,126

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	272	Farming	233
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	390
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	562
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Female	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	53	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	21	White	900
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,853	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	51,128	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	21
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,139		
Average per farm (\$)	11,459		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.