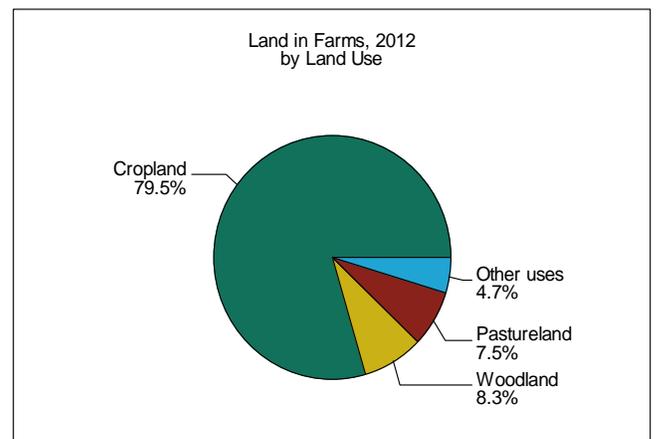
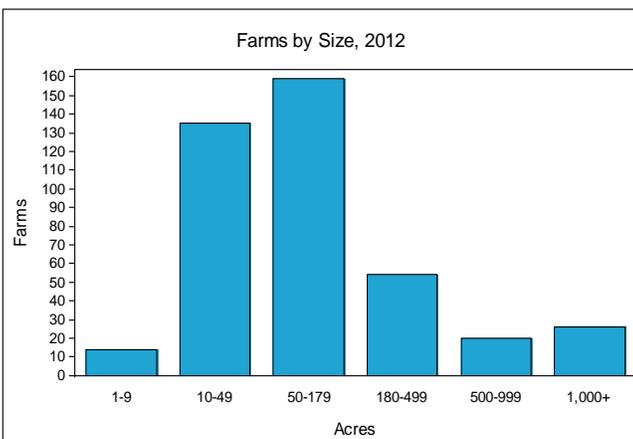


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	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	408	481	- 15
<b>Land in Farms</b>	107,186 acres	110,199 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	263 acres	229 acres	+ 15
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$57,612,000	\$60,404,000	- 5
Crop Sales \$31,535,000 (55 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$26,077,000 (45 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$141,206	\$125,580	+ 12
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,937,000	\$1,469,000	+ 32
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,203	\$5,585	+ 29





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### Ranked items among the 120 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	57,612	30	120	1,664	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,535	26	120	1,445	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,077	36	120	1,409	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	30,947	22	117	1,063	2,926
Tobacco	322	87	104	244	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	59	89	110	2,188	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	174	108	120	2,802	3,049
Poultry and eggs	22,075	16	120	420	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	27	113	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	67	44	117	1,706	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	41	98	118	2,388	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1	105	118	2,748	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	38,443	12	102	699	2,162
Corn for grain	31,915	14	117	779	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	15,901	10	93	540	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	15,901	10	93	448	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,661	95	120	2,251	3,057
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,115,683	12	116	289	2,723
Layers	(D)	17	120	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	5,681	87	120	2,330	3,063
Roosters	(D)	15	102	(D)	2,120
Sheep and lambs	702	23	109	1,166	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	122	Farming	188
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	220
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Male	383
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48	Female	25
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	34	White	573
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,658	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	121,712	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,508		
Average per farm (\$)	38,009		

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.