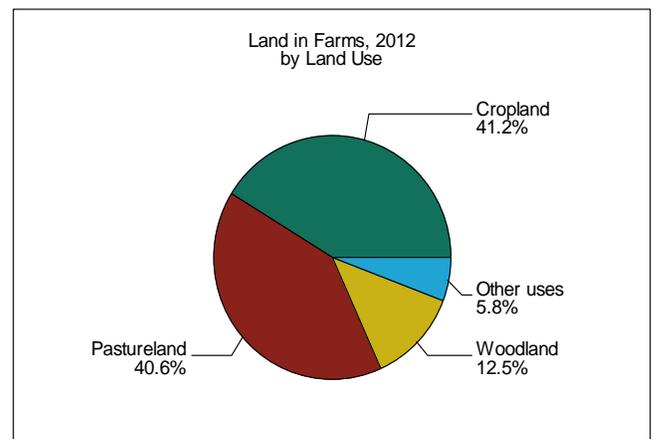
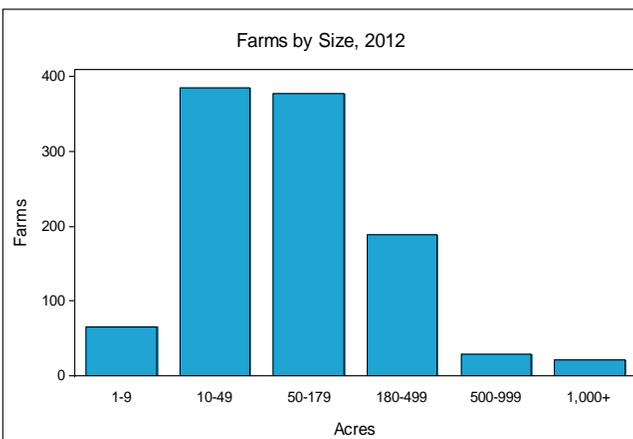


Mercer County Kentucky

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,067	1,111	- 4
Land in Farms	144,250 acres	141,437 acres	+ 2
Average Size of Farm	135 acres	127 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$50,677,000	\$43,179,000	+ 17
Crop Sales \$9,406,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$41,271,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$47,495	\$38,865	+ 22
Government Payments	\$1,472,000	\$1,173,000	+ 25
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,341	\$4,511	- 4



2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Mercer County – Kentucky

Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	50,677	36	120	1,760	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,406	62	120	2,129	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	41,271	20	120	1,036	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,040	57	117	1,823	2,926
Tobacco	2,802	43	104	120	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	324	24	117	1,281	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	34	64	115	1,944	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	606	25	110	1,260	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,600	40	120	1,539	3,049
Poultry and eggs	46	57	120	1,645	3,013
Cattle and calves	35,507	2	120	433	3,056
Milk from cows	2,604	22	84	940	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	49	113	1,857	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	583	1	117	286	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,384	7	118	66	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	33	35	1,300	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	128	17	118	961	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,139	14	120	482	3,057
Soybeans for beans	3,850	61	102	1,355	2,162
Corn for silage	3,189	6	103	557	2,237
Corn for grain	3,132	61	117	1,571	2,638
Tobacco	697	46	104	117	437
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	53,040	8	120	462	3,063
Layers	2,536	36	120	1,138	3,040
Horses and ponies	2,498	8	120	316	3,072
Sheep and lambs	1,217	9	109	739	2,897
Goats, all	1,156	10	120	461	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	268	Farming	436
\$1,000 to \$2,499	109	Other	631
\$2,500 to \$4,999	109		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	129	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	148	Male	961
\$20,000 to \$24,999	40	Female	106
\$25,000 to \$39,999	76		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	35	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	11	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	53,827	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	50,447	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,553
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,412	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	1,324	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2

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.

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.