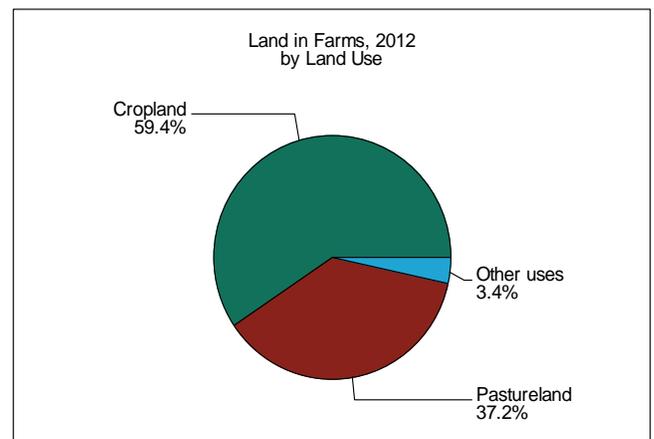
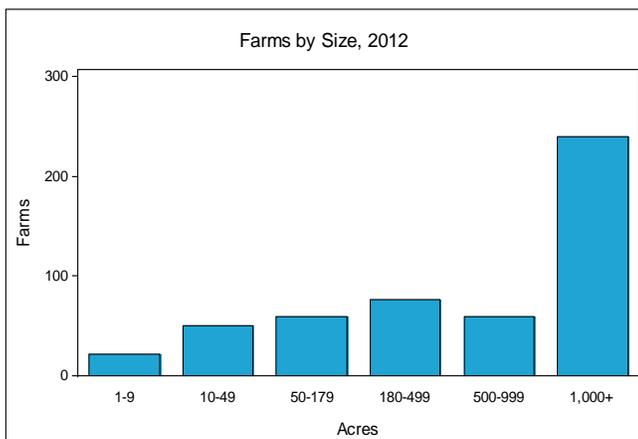


Pondera County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	505	542	- 7
Land in Farms	956,635 acres	944,486 acres	+ 1
Average Size of Farm	1,894 acres	1,743 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$113,756,000	\$75,108,000	+ 51
Crop Sales \$84,119,000 (74 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$29,637,000 (26 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$225,260	\$138,576	+ 63
Government Payments	\$8,483,000	\$9,108,000	- 7
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$21,977	\$22,160	- 1





Pondera County – Montana

Ranked items among the 56 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	113,756	12	56	1,042	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	84,119	8	56	771	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,637	25	56	1,307	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	78,081	8	55	608	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	23	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	24	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	26	56	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	561	7	55	1,078	3,013
Cattle and calves	18,025	38	56	870	3,056
Milk from cows	3,178	5	27	863	2,038
Hogs and pigs	6,208	2	54	519	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	156,418	15	54	79	2,537
Barley for grain	94,665	2	55	3	1,158
Spring wheat for grain	74,426	14	53	59	633
Winter wheat for grain	72,792	10	49	134	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	37,813	27	56	414	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	35,032	3	56	540	3,040
Cattle and calves	26,160	40	56	1,090	3,063
Pullets for laying flock replacement	24,022	2	48	388	2,637
Hogs and pigs	23,381	1	52	464	2,889
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	13,950	2	46	624	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	108	Farming	314
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	191
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	455
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Female	50
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	73
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	74	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	57	White	733
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	95,017	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	188,152	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	38,353		
Average per farm (\$)	75,946		

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.