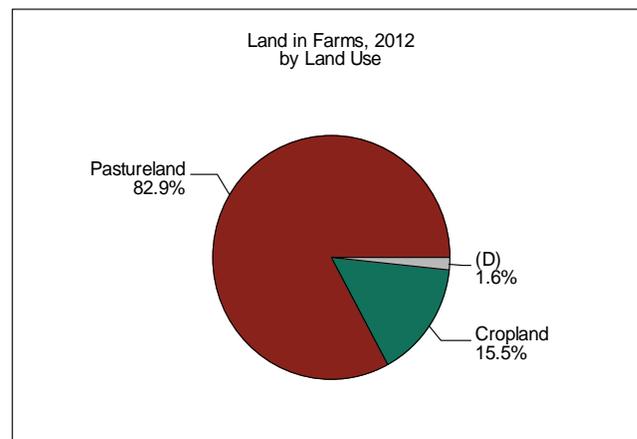
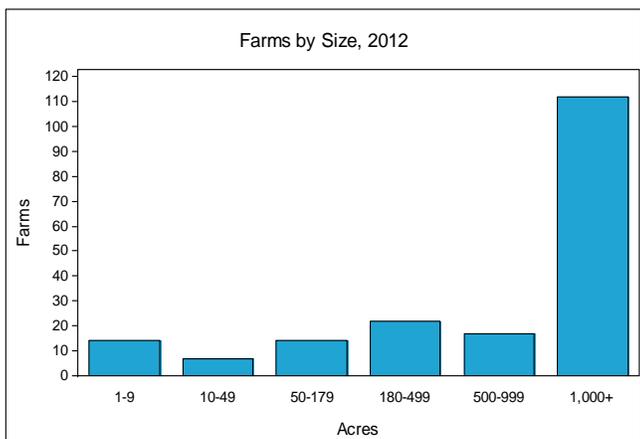


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	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	186	173	+ 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	769,046 acres	767,508 acres	0
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	4,135 acres	4,436 acres	- 7
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$31,194,000	\$24,355,000	+ 28
Crop Sales \$14,947,000 (48 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$16,247,000 (52 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$167,708	\$140,778	+ 19
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,749,000	\$2,200,000	- 20
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$13,354	\$16,178	- 17





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### Ranked items among the 56 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	31,194	46	56	2,120	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,947	35	56	1,873	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,247	42	56	1,791	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,934	32	55	1,554	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	7	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	23	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	28	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	32	56	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	46	55	2,746	3,013
Cattle and calves	16,153	40	56	950	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	53	54	2,691	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	71	43	54	1,657	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	19	53	56	2,686	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	53	-	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Wheat for grain, all	27,019	32	54	396	2,537
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,651	48	56	1,152	3,057
Spring wheat for grain	14,145	27	53	145	633
Winter wheat for grain	12,874	33	49	507	2,480
Barley for grain	3,344	38	55	168	1,158
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	34,300	33	56	836	3,063
Horses and ponies	487	47	56	2,076	3,072
Sheep and lambs	444	46	55	1,532	2,897
Layers	334	44	56	2,573	3,040
Hogs and pigs	(D)	49	52	(D)	2,889

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	32	Farming	133
\$1,000 to \$2,499	8	Other	53
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Male	162
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	24	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	16	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,178	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	135,364	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	297
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,534	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	51,259	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	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.

<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.