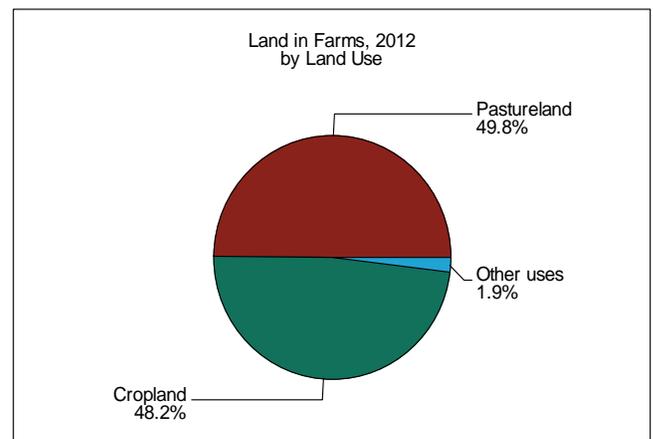
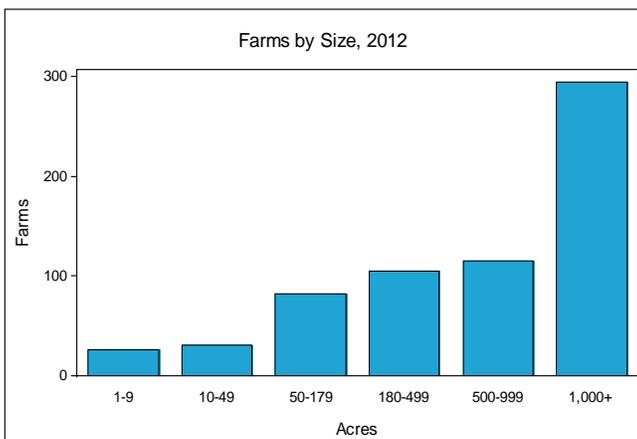


Valley County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	654	770	- 15
Land in Farms	1,634,642 acres	2,061,260 acres	- 21
Average Size of Farm	2,499 acres	2,677 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$151,464,000	\$80,393,000	+ 88
Crop Sales \$119,097,000 (79 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$32,367,000 (21 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$231,597	\$104,406	+ 122
Government Payments	\$9,013,000	\$11,345,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$17,234	\$19,294	- 11





Valley 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	151,464	4	56	778	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	119,097	3	56	533	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	32,367	23	56	1,236	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	109,233	4	55	426	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	39	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	23	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	23	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	13	56	296	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	31,026	20	56	512	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9	38	54	2,144	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	125	38	54	1,178	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	164	33	56	1,414	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	11	16	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	978	7	53	258	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	352,482	5	54	9	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	284,038	1	53	2	633
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	64,628	9	56	110	3,057
Dry edible peas	48,471	1	42	1	286
Winter wheat for grain	38,347	17	49	223	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	65,239	16	56	312	3,063
Colonies of bees	3,001	11	45	234	2,761
Sheep and lambs	1,021	37	55	882	2,897
Horses and ponies	704	44	56	1,655	3,072
Layers	614	32	56	2,230	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	194	Farming	432
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13	Other	222
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	559
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Female	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	103	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	58	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	89	White	923
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	107,681	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	164,651	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	59,614		
Average per farm (\$)	91,152		

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.