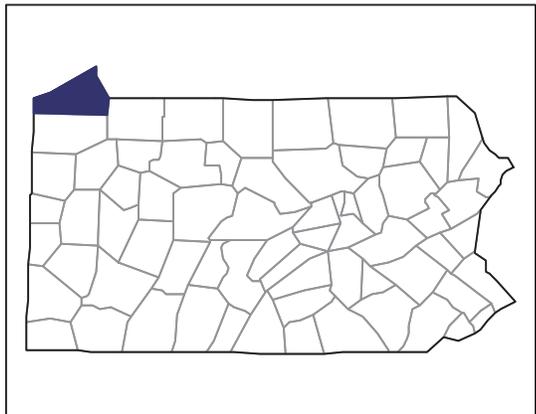


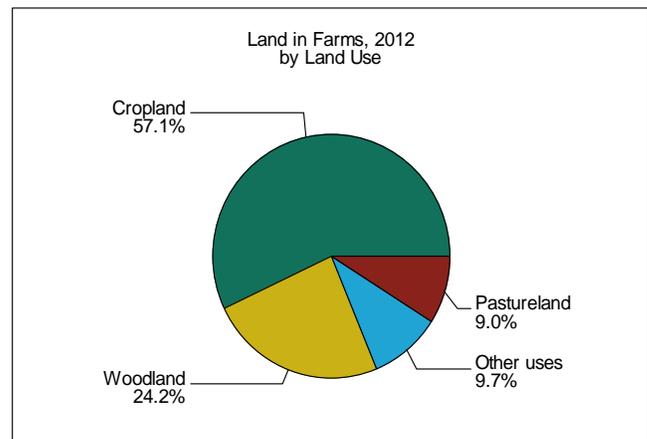
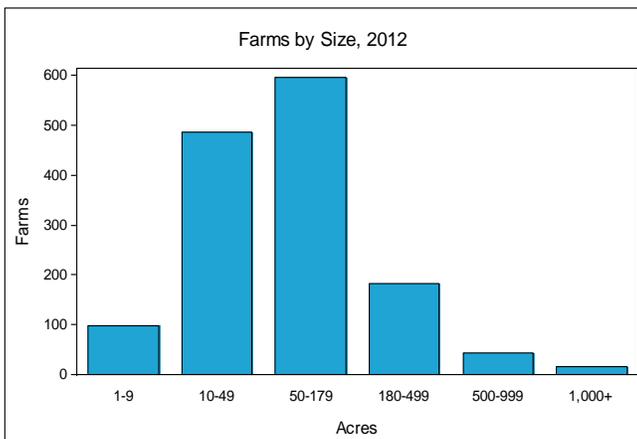
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Erie County Pennsylvania

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,422	1,609	- 12
<b>Land in Farms</b>	168,634 acres	173,125 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	119 acres	108 acres	+ 10
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$91,675,000	\$71,284,000	+ 29
Crop Sales \$70,163,000 (77 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$21,512,000 (23 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$64,469	\$44,303	+ 46
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,693,000	\$1,348,000	+ 26
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,798	\$5,029	+ 15





## Erie County – Pennsylvania

### Ranked items among the 67 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	91,675	23	67	1,249	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	70,163	8	67	904	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,512	36	67	1,563	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,296	16	66	1,171	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,066	5	66	313	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	20,595	2	66	104	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	15,837	9	66	189	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	21	66	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	523	29	67	1,090	3,013
Cattle and calves	3,616	42	67	2,019	3,056
Milk from cows	14,828	32	64	397	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	118	44	66	1,225	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	112	43	67	1,725	3,011
Aquaculture	1,471	5	54	173	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	13	67	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,799	22	67	637	3,057
Corn for grain	20,061	16	66	965	2,638
Soybeans for beans	12,191	15	66	1,062	2,162
Grapes	10,581	1	63	19	2,144
Corn for silage	3,027	33	64	583	2,237
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	22,779	22	66	588	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	19	63	399	2,637
Cattle and calves	13,461	37	67	1,698	3,063
Quail	(D)	8	41	(D)	944
Horses and ponies	2,480	13	67	321	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	349	Farming	693
\$1,000 to \$2,499	142	Other	729
\$2,500 to \$4,999	201	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	140	Male	1,160
\$10,000 to \$19,999	161	Female	262
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	72	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	35	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	104	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	98	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	36	White	2,156
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	76,209	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	53,593	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23,539		
Average per farm (\$)	16,553		

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.