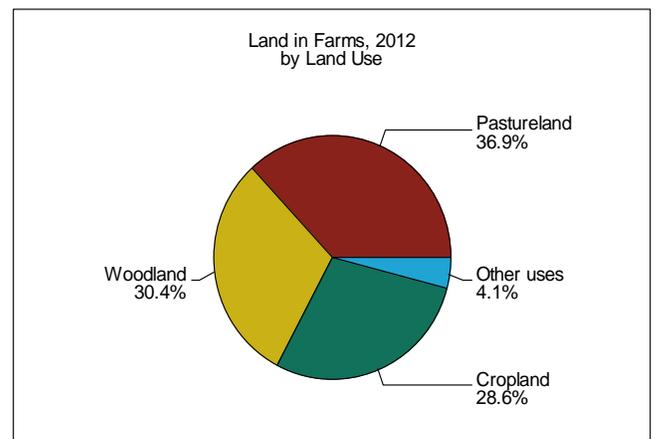
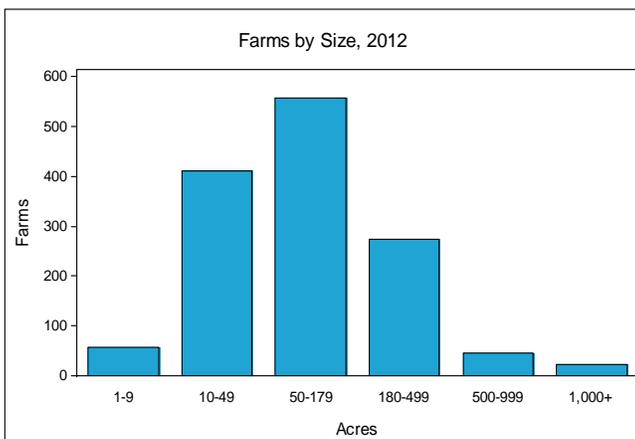


Bedford County Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,369	1,428	- 4
Land in Farms	206,534 acres	212,237 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	151 acres	149 acres	+ 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$28,283,000	\$23,647,000	+ 20
Crop Sales \$6,950,000 (25 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$21,333,000 (75 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$20,660	\$16,560	+ 25
Government Payments	\$897,000	\$342,000	+ 162
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,535	\$2,013	+ 175





2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Bedford County – Virginia

Ranked items among the 98 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	28,283	38	98	2,185	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,950	50	98	2,272	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,333	25	98	1,567	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,812	58	96	2,081	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	28	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	206	48	97	1,504	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	394	24	96	799	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,285	31	95	953	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	75	20	68	364	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,178	10	97	929	3,049
Poultry and eggs	123	36	97	1,343	3,013
Cattle and calves	15,814	14	97	970	3,056
Milk from cows	4,898	15	68	720	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	37	86	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	115	28	97	1,251	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	301	24	95	911	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	33	44	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,147	4	97	261	3,057
Corn for silage	2,575	10	80	653	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	1,879	38	84	1,369	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,879	38	84	1,304	2,480
Corn for grain	734	62	94	1,990	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	49,253	9	97	513	3,063
Layers	6,576	20	97	746	3,040
Horses and ponies	2,506	7	97	312	3,072
Goats, all	1,137	10	96	470	2,996
Hogs and pigs	435	29	89	1,292	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	402	Farming	585
\$1,000 to \$2,499	120	Other	784
\$2,500 to \$4,999	134	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	249	Male	1,195
\$10,000 to \$19,999	219	Female	174
\$20,000 to \$24,999	53	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	77	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	Black or African American	31
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	12	White	1,911
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,967	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	24,081	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,038		
Average per farm (\$)	-758		

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.