

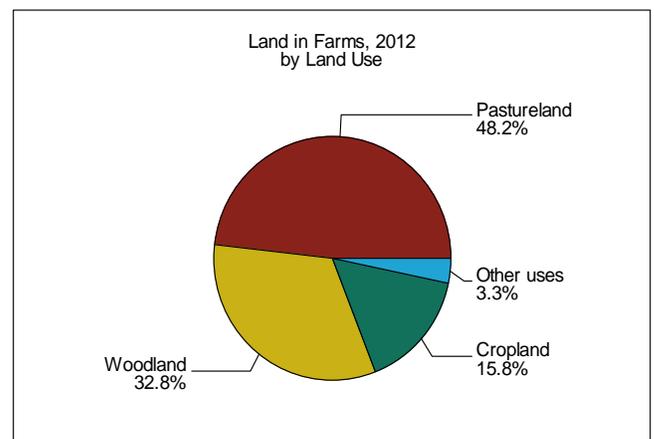
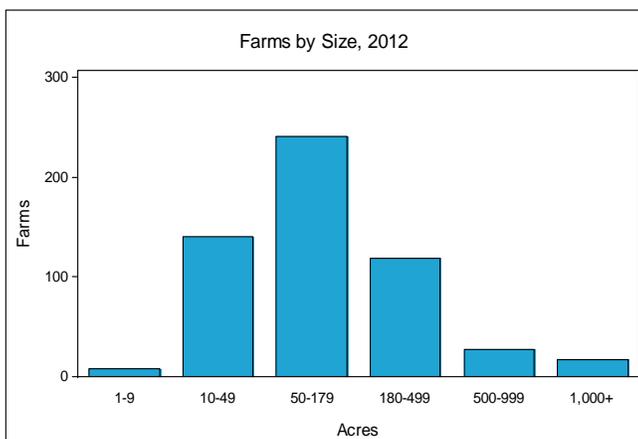
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Howard County Arkansas



	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	552	592	- 7
Land in Farms	146,846 acres	110,712 acres	+ 33
Average Size of Farm	266 acres	187 acres	+ 42
Market Value of Products Sold	\$179,081,000	\$184,062,000	- 3
Crop Sales \$1,389,000 (1 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$177,692,000 (99 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$324,422	\$310,915	+ 4
Government Payments	\$99,000	\$98,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,192	\$1,244	- 4





Howard County – Arkansas

Ranked items among the 75 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	179,081	24	75	644	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,389	52	75	2,806	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	177,692	8	75	212	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	57	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	22	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	59	74	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	469	11	73	731	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	54	58	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	19	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	900	34	75	2,010	3,049
Poultry and eggs	152,253	7	73	62	3,013
Cattle and calves	15,426	22	75	997	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9,913	1	65	425	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	71	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	70	40	73	2,087	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	34	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	33	70	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,714	24	75	936	3,057
Land in Berries	48	6	58	376	2,339
Blueberries, tame	42	3	43	188	1,680
Peaches, all	30	7	45	296	1,855
Grapes	(D)	7	43	(D)	2,144
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,665,939	9	65	63	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	718,857	1	67	30	2,637
Layers	367,690	11	75	191	3,040
Roosters	61,575	7	63	27	2,120
Cattle and calves	41,882	10	75	648	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	74	Farming	279
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30	Other	273
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	74	Male	484
\$10,000 to \$19,999	74	Female	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	Black or African American	36
\$250,000 to \$499,999	36	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	123	White	833
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	166,835	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	302,238	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,816		
Average per farm (\$)	25,030		

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.