

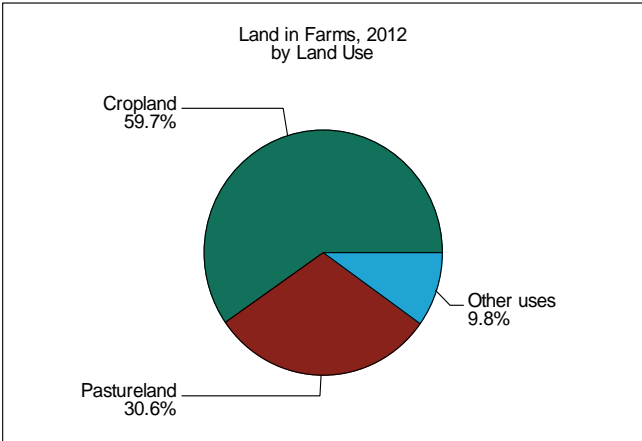
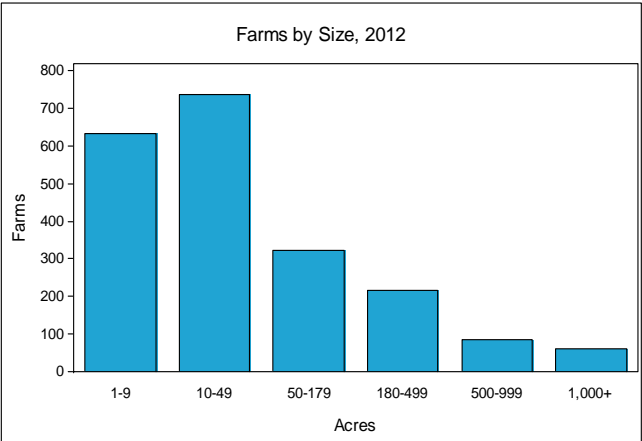
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Butte County California

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	2,056	2,048	0
Land in Farms	381,019 acres	373,786 acres	+ 2
Average Size of Farm	185 acres	183 acres	+ 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$541,274,000	\$342,766,000	+ 58
Crop Sales \$526,847,000 (97 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$14,426,000 (3 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$263,265	\$167,366	+ 57
Government Payments	\$9,386,000	\$14,780,000	- 36
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$33,403	\$50,617	- 34





Butte County – California

Ranked items among the 58 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	541,274	22	58	86	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	526,847	19	58	29	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,426	36	58	1,870	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	142,161	4	48	291	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,563	34	55	539	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	372,567	13	56	15	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,811	30	56	351	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	24	23	41	685	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,720	31	58	1,066	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2,215	19	57	893	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,745	41	57	1,593	3,056
Milk from cows	987	30	40	1,265	2,038
Hogs and pigs	212	12	55	1,072	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	547	27	56	306	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	144	44	56	1,533	3,011
Aquaculture	2,550	15	45	109	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,026	16	58	251	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Rice	94,546	3	22	5	146
Almonds	41,117	9	47	9	147
Walnuts, English	36,294	3	47	3	406
Plums and prunes	9,310	4	47	4	1,107
Prunes	8,927	2	28	2	29
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Pheasants	91,097	1	27	5	963
Colonies of bees	24,423	14	56	19	2,761
Quail	22,746	6	21	55	944
Chukars	17,276	2	14	7	338
Cattle and calves	14,282	38	57	1,647	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	452	Farming	1,222
\$1,000 to \$2,499	112	Other	834
\$2,500 to \$4,999	98	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	167	Male	1,682
\$10,000 to \$19,999	234	Female	374
\$20,000 to \$24,999	78	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	112	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	93	American Indian or Alaska Native	70
\$50,000 to \$99,999	172	Asian	141
\$100,000 to \$249,999	167	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	146	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
\$500,000 or more	225	White	2,908
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	365,905	More than one race	28
Average per farm (\$)	177,969	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	295
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	213,050		
Average per farm (\$)	103,624		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.