

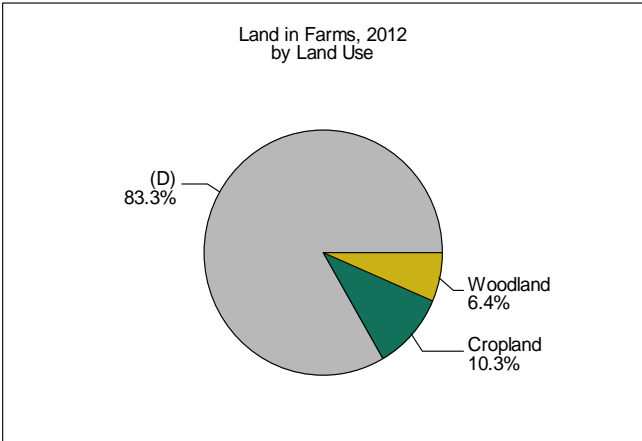
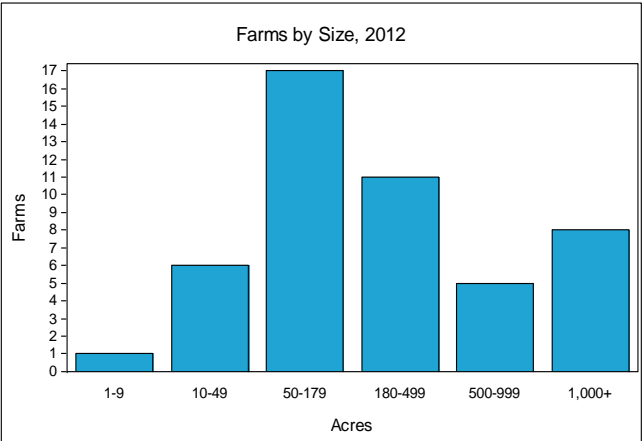
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Sierra County California

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	48	50	- 4
Land in Farms	39,141 acres	28,782 acres	+ 36
Average Size of Farm	815 acres	576 acres	+ 41
Market Value of Products Sold	(D)	\$2,003,000	
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	(D)	\$40,062	
Government Payments	(D)	\$47,000	
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	(D)	\$15,683	





Sierra 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	(D)	55	58	2,806	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	56	58	2,928	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,305	51	58	2,454	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	55	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	56	56	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	54	56	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	648	45	58	2,255	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	55	57	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,250	43	57	1,777	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	40	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	52	55	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	56	56	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	39	52	56	2,412	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	45	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	56	58	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,676	45	58	2,587	3,057
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	10	43	(D)	1,557
Floriculture and bedding crops	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	1,848
Other floriculture and bedding crops	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	479
Apples	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,167
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,383	44	57	1,980	3,063
Horses and ponies	244	53	58	2,663	3,072
Layers	166	55	57	2,807	3,040
Turkeys	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,416
Sheep and lambs	(D)	56	56	(D)	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	9	Farming	27
\$1,000 to \$2,499	1	Other	21
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	38
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	2	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,186	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	87,199	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	68
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,932	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	40,240	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11

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.