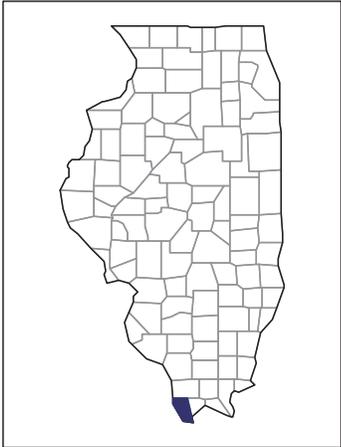


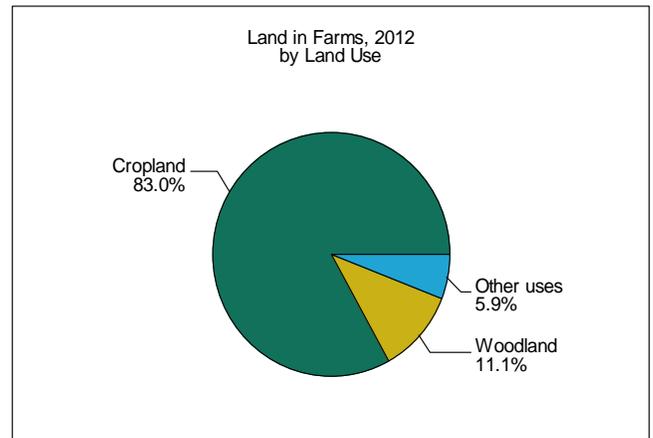
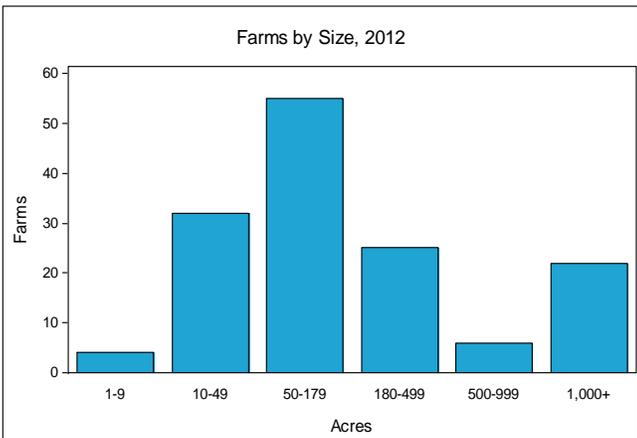
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Alexander County Illinois

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	144	143	+ 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	62,425 acres	47,626 acres	+ 31
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	434 acres	333 acres	+ 30
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$25,743,000	\$13,109,000	+ 96
Crop Sales \$25,213,000 (98 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$530,000 (2 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$178,773	\$91,674	+ 95
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$778,000	\$715,000	+ 9
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,187	\$7,939	+ 3





## Alexander County – Illinois

### Ranked items among the 102 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	25,743	95	102	2,230	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	25,213	95	102	1,586	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	530	101	102	2,948	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	24,880	93	102	1,151	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	10	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	91	94	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	86	97	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	95	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	71	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	309	71	102	2,623	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2	97	102	2,833	3,013
Cattle and calves	502	97	102	2,791	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	82	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2	99	100	2,593	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	10	87	100	2,675	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	15	89	101	2,749	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	98	-	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	32,312	90	102	762	2,162
Corn for grain	11,833	96	102	1,142	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	5,416	35	101	954	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	5,416	35	101	878	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,308	81	102	2,655	3,057
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,161	98	102	2,851	3,063
Goats, all	198	66	102	2,172	2,996
Horses and ponies	138	93	102	2,883	3,072
Layers	100	101	102	2,896	3,040
Sheep and lambs	43	91	100	2,641	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	51	Farming	82
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	62
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	15	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	124
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	19	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,389	Black or African American	3
Average per farm (\$)	120,754	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		White	205
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,350	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	71,872	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	2

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.