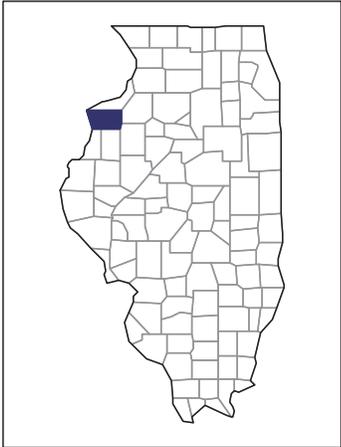


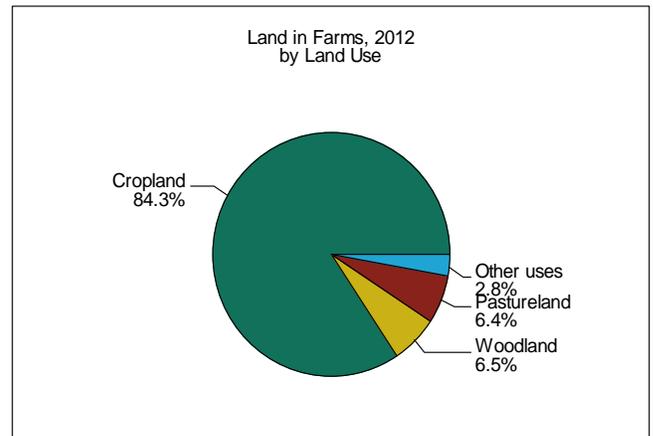
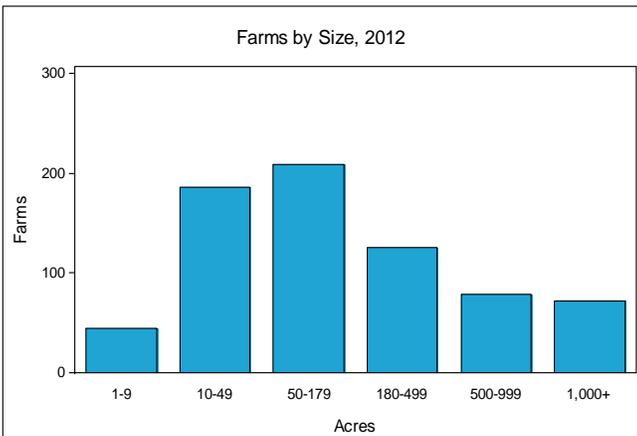
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Mercer County Illinois

|  | 2012          | 2007          | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                     | 715           | 785           | - 9      |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                       | 251,998 acres | 306,306 acres | - 18     |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>                | 352 acres     | 390 acres     | - 10     |
| <b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>       | \$216,852,000 | \$145,788,000 | + 49     |
| Crop Sales \$178,199,000 (82 percent)      |               |               |          |
| Livestock Sales \$38,653,000 (18 percent)  |               |               |          |
| <b>Average Per Farm</b>                    | \$303,290     | \$185,717     | + 63     |
| <b>Government Payments</b>                 | \$6,391,000   | \$6,103,000   | + 5      |
| <b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b> | \$11,433      | \$9,955       | + 15     |





## Mercer 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                             | 216,852  | 27         | 102                   | 477       | 3,077                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                       | 178,199  | 30         | 102                   | 285       | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                       | 38,653   | 28         | 102                   | 1,081     | 3,076                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                    |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                             | 177,050  | 28         | 102                   | 186       | 2,926                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | 10                    | -         | 436                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 635                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                      | 65       | 70         | 94                    | 2,050     | 2,802                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | (D)      | 70         | 97                    | (D)       | 2,724                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                            | (D)      | 52         | 95                    | (D)       | 2,678                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                    | (D)      | 68         | 71                    | (D)       | 1,530                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 746      | 28         | 102                   | 2,147     | 3,049                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 4        | 88         | 102                   | 2,656     | 3,013                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,912    | 50         | 102                   | 1,828     | 3,056                 |
| Milk from cows  | 241      | 63         | 82                    | 1,690     | 2,038                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 33,261   | 15         | 100                   | 184       | 2,827                 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk                                  | 85       | 38         | 100                   | 1,488     | 2,988                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                            | 133      | 42         | 101                   | 1,601     | 3,011                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 27                    | -         | 1,366                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                               | 18       | 57         | 98                    | 1,966     | 2,924                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Corn for grain  | 115,805  | 44         | 102                   | 224       | 2,638                 |
| Soybeans for beans  | 77,077   | 57         | 102                   | 393       | 2,162                 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 5,790    | 31         | 102                   | 2,121     | 3,057                 |
| Corn for silage   | 573      | 69         | 99                    | 1,344     | 2,237                 |
| Wheat for grain, all  | 487      | 92         | 101                   | 1,882     | 2,537                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                         |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Hogs and pigs   | 98,528   | 15         | 98                    | 170       | 2,889                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 9,461    | 47         | 102                   | 1,971     | 3,063                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 617      | 27         | 100                   | 1,259     | 2,897                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 548      | 42         | 102                   | 1,949     | 3,072                 |
| Layers  | 456      | 79         | 102                   | 2,417     | 3,040                 |

### Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales:                    |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 214      | Farming   | 424      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 19       | Other   | 291      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 38       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 47       | Male  | 651      |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 25       | Female  | 64       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 8        | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 58.3     |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 30       | All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :                              |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 6        | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 2        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 56       | Asian   | -        |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 89       | Black or African American   | -        |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 65       | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 118      | White   | 993      |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 138,916  | More than one race  | 4        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 194,288  | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup> | 9        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 94,410   |   |          |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 132,042  |   |          |

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.