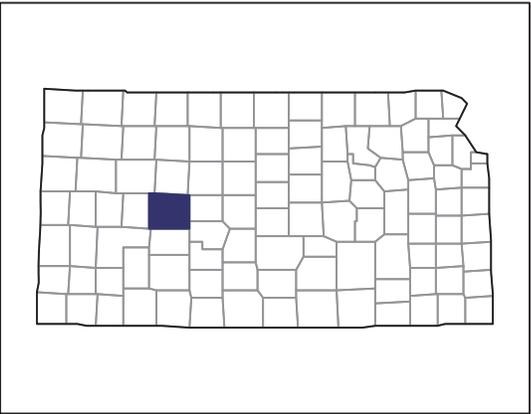


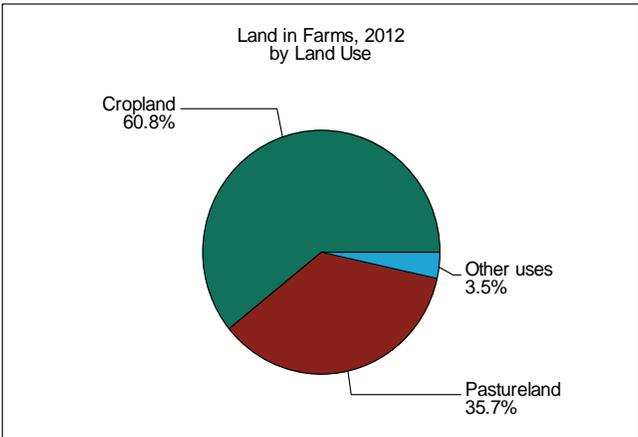
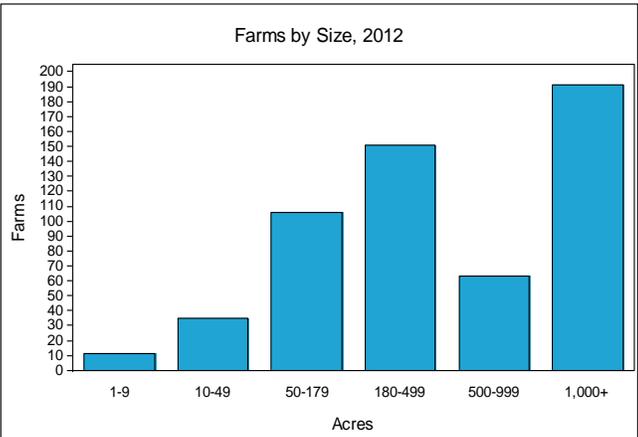
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Ness County Kansas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	557	521	+ 7
Land in Farms	678,149 acres	619,948 acres	+ 9
Average Size of Farm	1,218 acres	1,190 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$63,541,000	\$55,790,000	+ 14
Crop Sales \$45,534,000 (72 percent) Livestock Sales \$18,008,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$114,078	\$107,082	+ 7
Government Payments	\$7,435,000	\$7,662,000	- 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,724	\$15,734	- 6





Ness County – Kansas

Ranked items among the 105 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	63,541	79	105	1,586	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,534	69	105	1,223	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,008	88	105	1,689	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	42,798	68	105	915	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	73	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	59	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	72	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	25	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,736	49	105	1,061	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	98	100	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	17,955	80	105	873	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	75	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	15	79	101	1,964	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	100	102	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	33	80	104	2,477	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	126,807	26	105	109	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	126,807	26	105	60	2,480
Sorghum for grain	50,338	8	102	16	1,220
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,718	76	105	1,333	3,057
Corn for grain	3,679	98	105	1,519	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	29,645	75	105	970	3,063
Horses and ponies	262	79	105	2,626	3,072
Layers	192	82	103	2,771	3,040
Hogs and pigs	132	72	101	1,874	2,889
Sheep and lambs	31	93	101	2,703	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	211	Farming	245
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3	Other	312
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Male	465
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Female	92
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	75	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	53	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	30	White	856
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	54,564	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	97,961	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23,516		
Average per farm (\$)	42,219		

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.