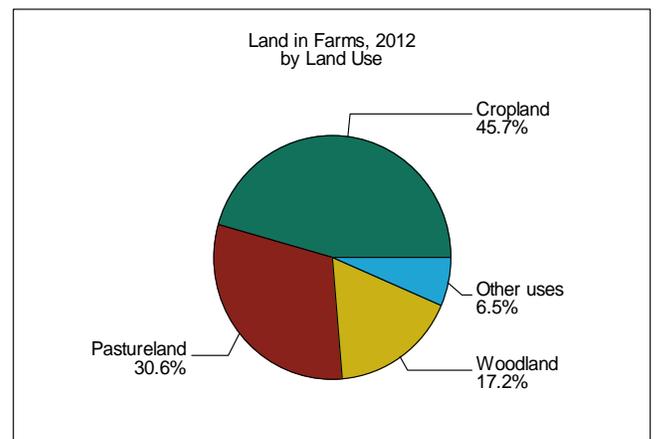
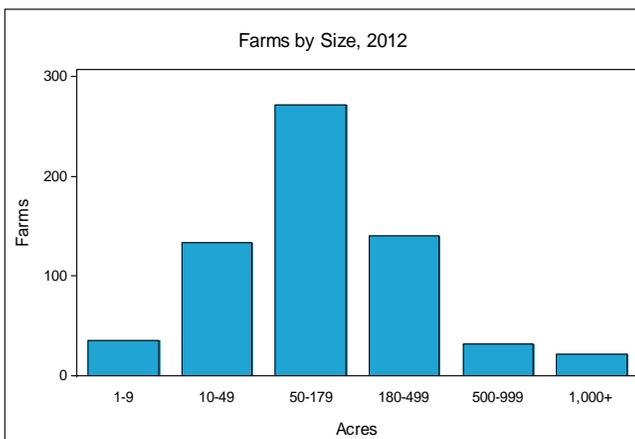


Mason County Kentucky

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	634	753	- 16
Land in Farms	126,722 acres	139,814 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	200 acres	186 acres	+ 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$30,929,000	\$28,422,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$18,418,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,512,000 (40 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$48,784	\$37,745	+ 29
Government Payments	\$1,693,000	\$798,000	+ 112
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,054	\$2,549	+ 98





Mason County – Kentucky

Ranked items among the 120 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	30,929	57	120	2,127	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,418	36	120	1,747	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,512	56	120	1,958	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,683	44	117	1,616	2,926
Tobacco	6,998	15	104	58	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	193	46	117	1,533	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	103	75	110	2,021	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,405	3	120	864	3,049
Poultry and eggs	36	62	120	1,758	3,013
Cattle and calves	9,506	43	120	1,354	3,056
Milk from cows	2,612	21	84	939	2,038
Hogs and pigs	23	47	113	1,754	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	67	43	117	1,697	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	267	40	118	1,005	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1	106	118	2,752	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,773	22	120	554	3,057
Corn for grain	9,119	39	117	1,220	2,638
Soybeans for beans	6,100	49	102	1,233	2,162
Tobacco	1,991	14	104	52	437
Corn for silage	1,199	21	103	1,038	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,229	34	120	1,086	3,063
Layers	1,273	69	120	1,665	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,091	48	120	1,090	3,072
Sheep and lambs	495	40	109	1,443	2,897
Hogs and pigs	252	43	115	1,539	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	119	Farming	277
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	357
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	108	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	74	Male	571
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	47		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	56		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	50	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,394	Black or African American	7
Average per farm (\$)	41,631	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	929
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,889	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	12,443	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	12

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.