

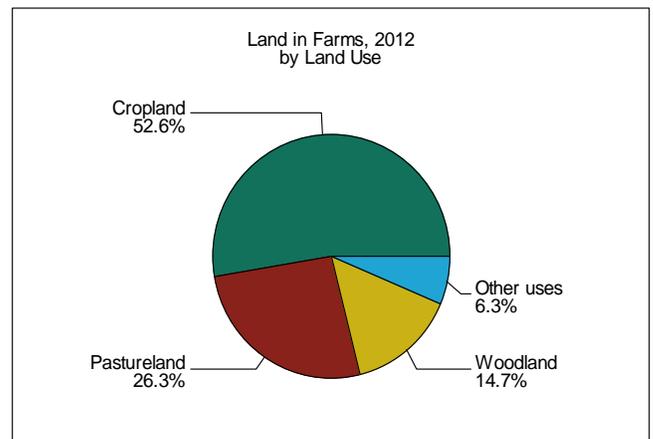
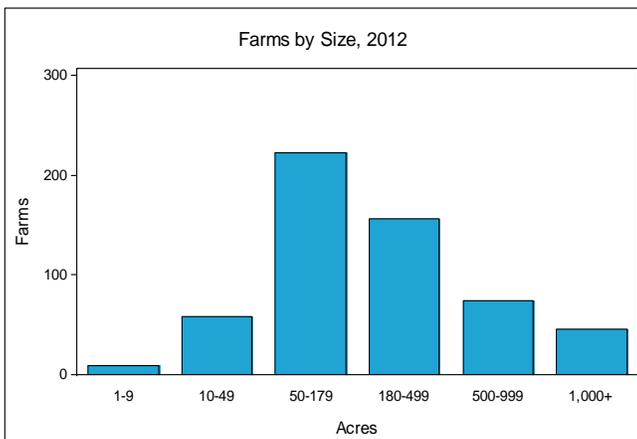
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mercer County Missouri

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	567	553	+ 3
Land in Farms	226,786 acres	201,417 acres	+ 13
Average Size of Farm	400 acres	364 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$102,710,000	\$81,504,000	+ 26
Crop Sales \$19,068,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$83,642,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$181,146	\$147,386	+ 23
Government Payments	\$3,303,000	\$2,921,000	+ 13
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,645	\$7,126	+ 21





Mercer County – Missouri

Ranked items among the 114 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	102,710	29	114	1,142	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,068	63	114	1,730	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	83,642	12	114	573	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	62	114	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	7	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	109	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	104	107	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	107	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	55	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	59	113	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	14	87	113	2,234	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	690	56	96	1,387	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	4	109	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	77	73	110	1,582	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	35	103	114	2,464	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	2	105	114	2,714	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	30,944	62	111	778	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,673	50	114	582	3,057
Corn for grain	18,839	58	108	997	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	806	80	108	1,726	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	806	80	108	1,655	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,889
Cattle and calves	22,461	73	114	1,250	3,063
Sheep and lambs	733	51	109	1,134	2,897
Layers	698	96	113	2,137	3,040
Horses and ponies	459	94	114	2,137	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	217	Farming	232
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34	Other	335
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Male	508
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	59
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	29	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	10	Asian	4
		Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	98,095	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Average per farm (\$)	173,007	White	845
		More than one race	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,794	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Average per farm (\$)	22,563		

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.