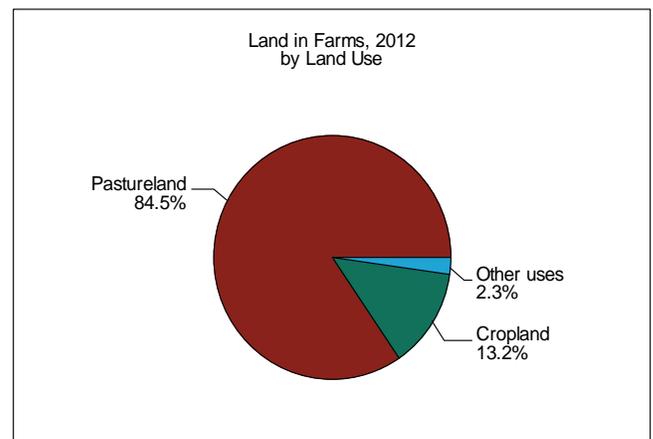
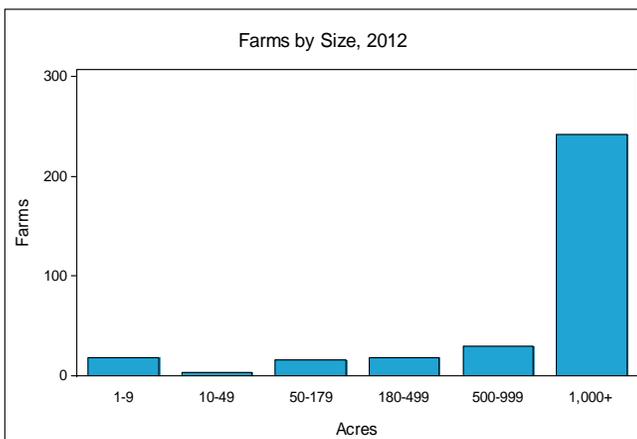


Carter County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	327	308	+ 6
Land in Farms	1,778,011 acres	1,698,363 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	5,437 acres	5,514 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$83,199,000	\$42,812,000	+ 94
Crop Sales \$12,429,000 (15 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$70,770,000 (85 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$254,430	\$139,001	+ 83
Government Payments	\$2,009,000	\$1,766,000	+ 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,573	\$9,599	+ 10





Carter County – Montana

Ranked items among the 56 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	83,199	25	56	1,332	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,429	38	56	1,983	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	70,770	5	56	693	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,830	37	55	1,606	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	38	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	23	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	37	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	34	56	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	67,156	5	56	207	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	16	33	54	1,935	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	2,607	2	54	59	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	963	8	56	264	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	44	53	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	47,033	13	56	254	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	40,516	28	54	300	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	23,726	22	49	320	2,480
Spring wheat for grain	16,790	26	53	135	633
Barley for grain	1,902	40	55	205	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	94,057	6	56	140	3,063
Sheep and lambs	26,284	1	55	32	2,897
Horses and ponies	1,248	30	56	918	3,072
Layers	327	45	56	2,588	3,040
Bison	(D)	20	31	(D)	1,126

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	47	Farming	250
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3	Other	77
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2	Male	300
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Female	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	46	White	560
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,214	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	174,966	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	32,715		
Average per farm (\$)	100,047		

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.