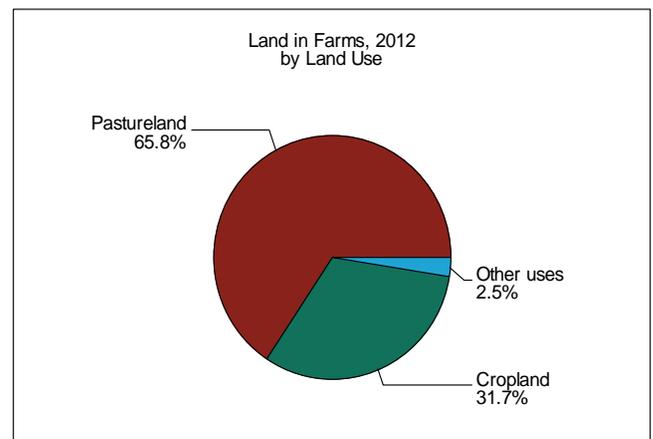
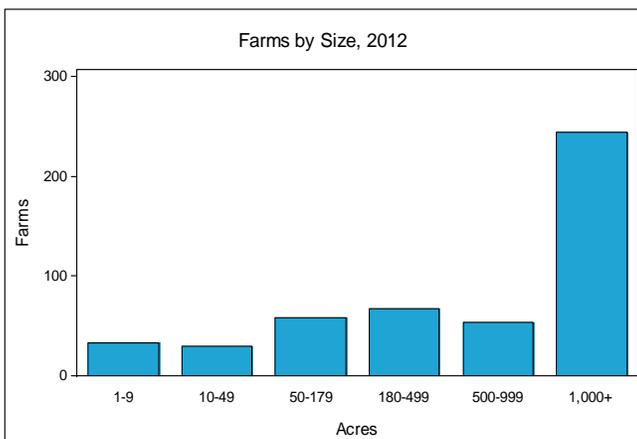


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	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	485	535	- 9
<b>Land in Farms</b>	1,258,119 acres	1,378,564 acres	- 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	2,594 acres	2,577 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$80,365,000	\$56,622,000	+ 42
Crop Sales \$55,488,000 (69 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$24,877,000 (31 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$165,701	\$105,835	+ 57
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$6,390,000	\$6,290,000	+ 2
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$18,576	\$15,964	+ 16





## Dawson County – Montana

### Ranked items among the 56 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	80,365	27	56	1,363	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	55,488	19	56	1,082	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	24,877	34	56	1,456	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	16	55	847	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	29	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	22	23	2,679	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	42	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	23	56	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5	39	55	2,604	3,013
Cattle and calves	24,077	30	56	680	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	24	27	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2	49	54	2,575	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	302	23	56	909	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Wheat for grain, all	179,575	14	54	61	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	137,310	9	53	25	633
Winter wheat for grain	37,030	18	49	230	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,928	43	56	765	3,057
Lentils	8,751	5	34	11	73
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	40,550	27	56	680	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	1,816	20	56	538	3,072
Sheep and lambs	1,788	31	55	527	2,897
Layers	510	36	56	2,362	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	118	Farming	277
\$1,000 to \$2,499	14	Other	208
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	441
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Female	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	51	White	753
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	65,506	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	135,064	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,226		
Average per farm (\$)	52,013		

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.