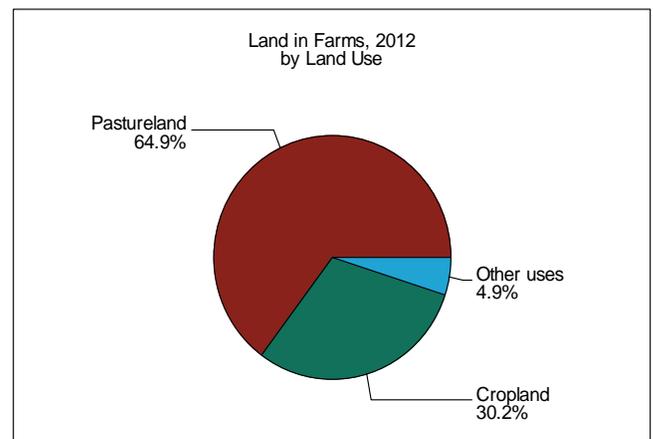
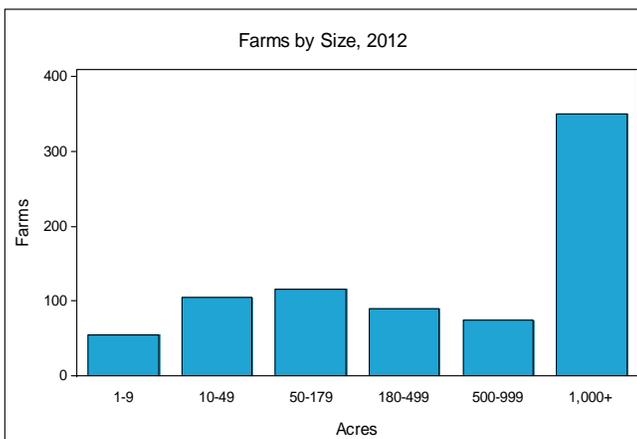


Fergus County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	790	898	- 12
Land in Farms	1,961,057 acres	2,446,047 acres	- 20
Average Size of Farm	2,482 acres	2,724 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$145,720,000	\$101,167,000	+ 44
Crop Sales \$71,745,000 (49 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$73,975,000 (51 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$184,456	\$112,658	+ 64
Government Payments	\$6,716,000	\$6,187,000	+ 9
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,438	\$12,525	+ 23





Fergus 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	145,720	5	56	813	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	71,745	12	56	889	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	73,975	4	56	658	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	54,137	15	55	788	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	28	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	23	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	11	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	10	11	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	17,158	5	56	179	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	22	55	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	71,079	4	56	195	3,056
Milk from cows	1,460	8	27	1,127	2,038
Hogs and pigs	94	18	54	1,275	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	327	25	54	517	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	241	26	56	1,084	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	5	16	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	591	14	53	377	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	181,095	13	54	59	2,537
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	155,136	1	56	6	3,057
Winter wheat for grain	135,590	3	49	51	2,480
Spring wheat for grain	45,505	17	53	79	633
Barley for grain	33,102	7	55	21	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	98,527	4	56	125	3,063
Colonies of bees	17,929	1	45	29	2,761
Sheep and lambs	2,460	26	55	374	2,897
Horses and ponies	1,895	18	56	499	3,072
Layers	1,540	22	56	1,516	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	160	Farming	497
\$1,000 to \$2,499	33	Other	293
\$2,500 to \$4,999	48	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Male	692
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	Female	98
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	77	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	108	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	113	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	90	White	1,210
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	111,505	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	141,146	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	47,492		
Average per farm (\$)	60,116		

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.