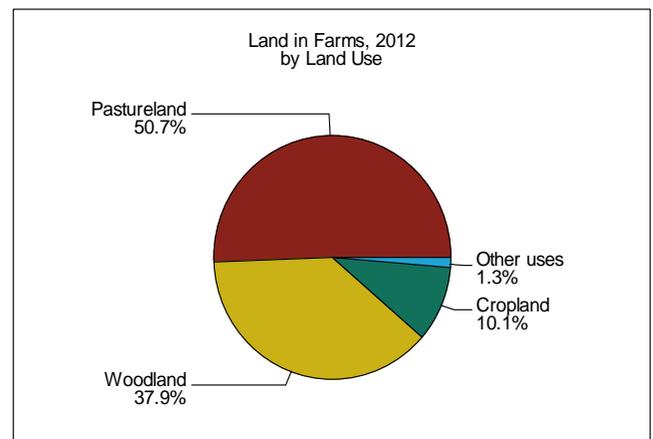
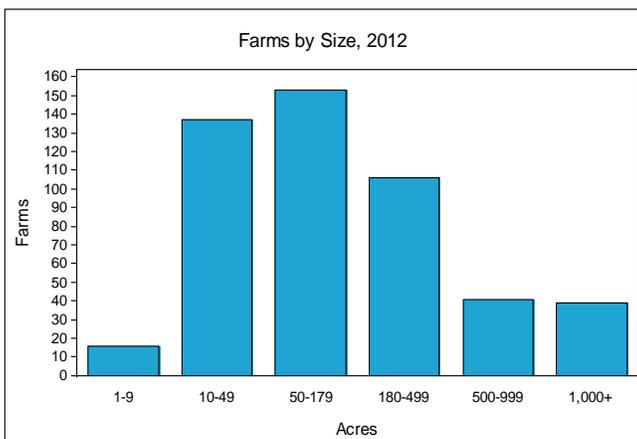


Sanders County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	492	508	- 3
Land in Farms	338,725 acres	341,913 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	688 acres	673 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$14,227,000	\$14,010,000	+ 2
Crop Sales \$5,524,000 (39 percent) Livestock Sales \$8,702,000 (61 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$28,916	\$27,579	+ 5
Government Payments	\$501,000	\$183,000	+ 174
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,444	\$2,776	+ 240





Sanders 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	14,227	51	56	2,532	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,524	48	56	2,382	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,702	50	56	2,194	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	187	52	55	2,582	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	173	16	39	1,582	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	6	23	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,403	8	42	908	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	5	11	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,701	44	56	801	3,049
Poultry and eggs	39	21	55	1,720	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,193	49	56	1,457	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	23	28	54	1,738	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	45	51	54	1,997	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	93	43	56	1,890	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	310	24	53	575	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,099	42	56	759	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	830	49	54	1,718	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	550	51	53	329	633
Winter wheat for grain	280	47	49	1,935	2,480
Mint for oil, all	(D)	1	2	43	60
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	12,985	50	56	1,729	3,063
Layers	2,982	19	56	1,044	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,253	29	56	914	3,072
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	15	48	(D)	2,637
Sheep and lambs	617	43	55	1,259	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	155	Farming	203
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61	Other	289
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68	Male	424
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45	Female	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	41
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	5	White	700
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,274	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	26,979	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,365		
Average per farm (\$)	4,807		

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.