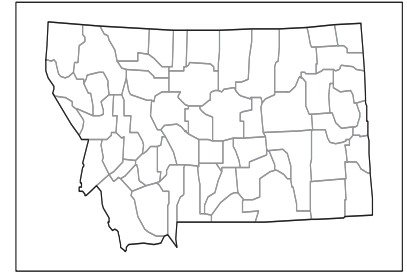


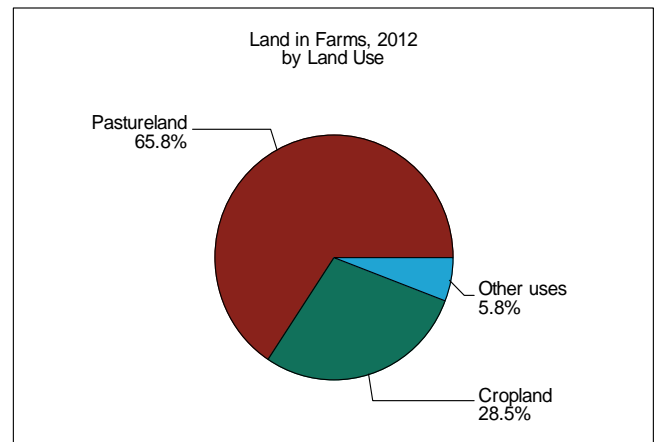
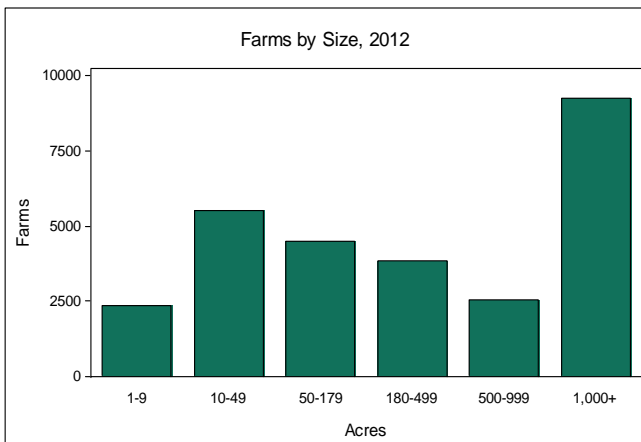
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## STATE PROFILE



### Montana

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	28,008	29,524	- 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	59,758,917 acres	61,388,462 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	2,134 acres	2,079 acres	+ 3
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$4,230,083,000	\$2,803,062,000	+ 51
Crop Sales \$2,255,996,000 (53 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,974,087,000 (47 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$151,031	\$94,942	+ 59
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$209,846,000	\$221,977,000	- 5
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$16,865	\$16,971	- 1





## Montana

### Ranked items within U.S., 2012

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,230,083	29	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,255,996	27	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,974,087	27	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,787,162	17	50
Tobacco	-	-	19
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	33,199	38	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,658	43	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	28,566	43	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	160	42	49
Other crops and hay	403,251	14	50
Poultry and eggs	(D)	44	50
Cattle and calves	1,783,908	11	50
Milk from cows	44,671	38	50
Hogs and pigs	54,091	23	50
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	31,233	10	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22,824	18	50
Aquaculture	3,172	43	50
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
Wheat for grain, all	5,627,463	3	49
Spring wheat for grain	2,909,910	2	29
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,267,198	8	50
Winter wheat for grain	2,168,021	4	48
Barley for grain	778,521	2	43
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	2,633,740	10	50
Layers	464,802	40	50
Sheep and lambs	236,646	7	50
Pullets for laying flock replacement	225,021	38	50
Hogs and pigs	173,953	22	50

### Other State Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	8,243	Farming	15,434
\$1,000 to \$2,499	1,927	Other	12,574
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,747	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,988	Male	23,765
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,939	Female	4,243
\$20,000 to \$24,999	592	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,420	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	633	American Indian or Alaska Native	1,787
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,178	Asian	79
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2,945	Black or African American	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2,276	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13
\$500,000 or more	2,120	White	42,092
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,516,180	More than one race	258
Average per farm (\$)	125,542	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	430
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,172,280		
Average per farm (\$)	41,855		

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 states in U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.