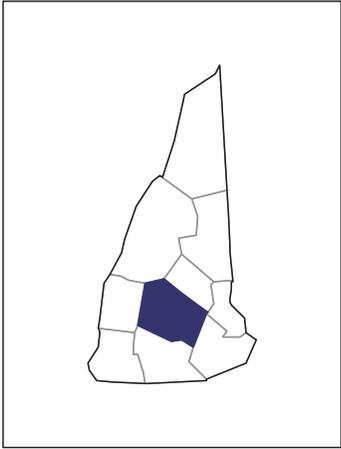


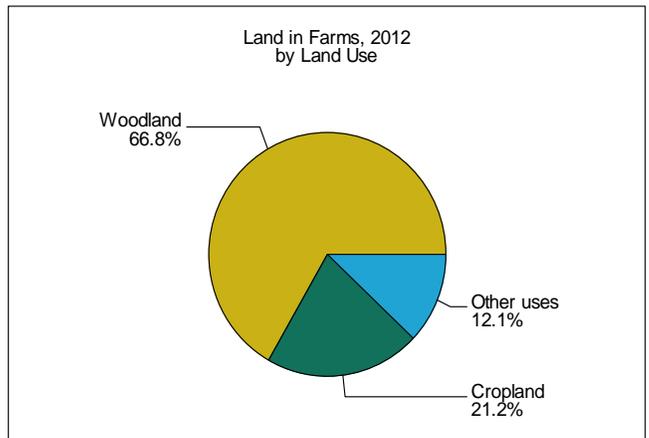
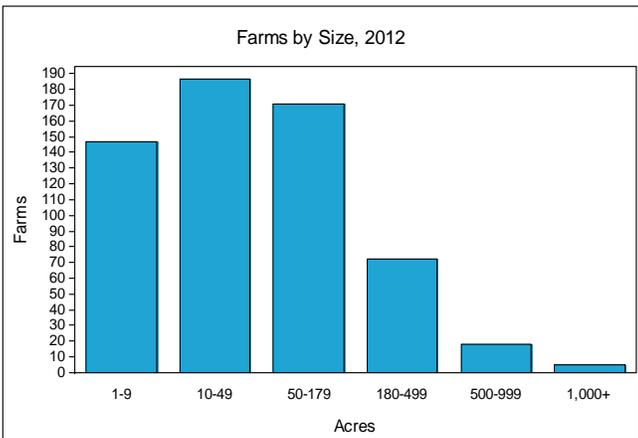
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Merrimack County New Hampshire

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	600	583	+ 3
Land in Farms	64,950 acres	64,642 acres	0
Average Size of Farm	108 acres	111 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$45,266,000	\$55,286,000	- 18
Crop Sales \$35,150,000 (78 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,116,000 (22 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$75,444	\$94,831	- 20
Government Payments	\$686,000	\$360,000	+ 91
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,793	\$6,796	+ 29





Merrimack County – New Hampshire

Ranked items among the 10 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	45,266	1	10	1,848	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	35,150	1	10	1,381	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,116	4	10	2,099	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,522	2	10	2,133	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,880	2	10	507	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,200	3	10	446	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	27,335	1	10	114	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	104	6	10	277	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,109	2	10	1,297	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	7	10	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,375	2	10	2,514	3,056
Milk from cows	7,588	3	10	582	2,038
Hogs and pigs	140	2	10	1,170	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	163	3	10	953	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	444	2	10	636	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	9	9	1,185	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	265	2	10	641	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,052	2	10	1,726	3,057
Corn for silage	2,475	1	10	676	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	681	2	10	594	2,801
Sweet corn	277	2	10	249	2,416
Apples	239	3	10	142	2,167
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,745	4	10	2,423	3,063
Layers	4,684	5	10	836	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,293	3	10	870	3,072
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,194	4	10	893	2,723
Sheep and lambs	1,038	4	10	871	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	295
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	305
\$2,500 to \$4,999	99	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	84	Male	400
\$10,000 to \$19,999	62	Female	200
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	28
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	979
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,183	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	78,638	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,564		
Average per farm (\$)	4,273		

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.