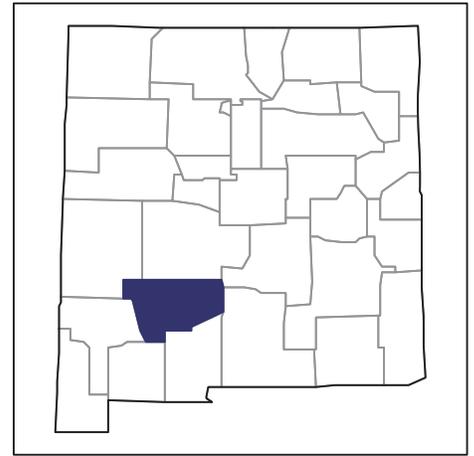


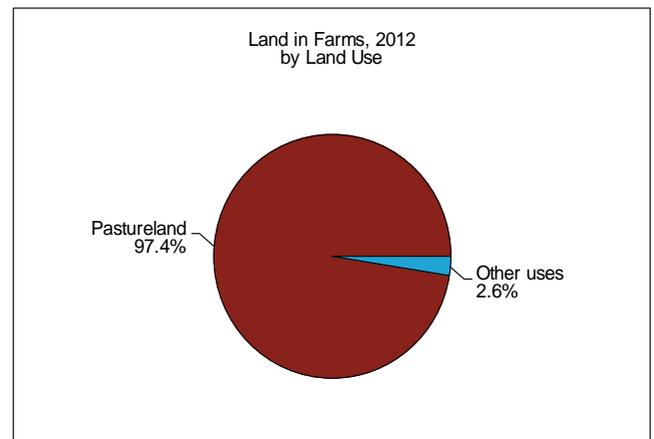
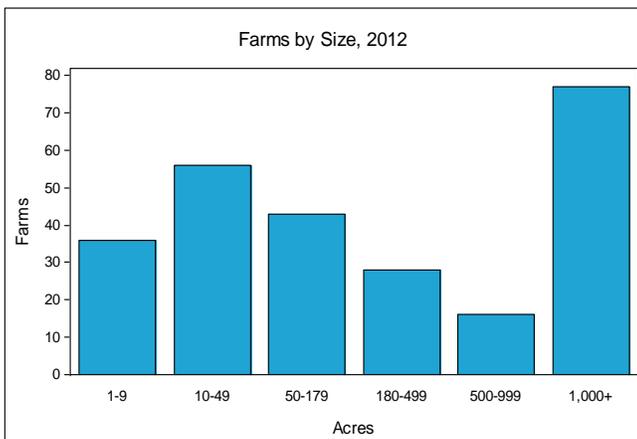
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Sierra County New Mexico

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	256	265	- 3
Land in Farms	1,250,136 acres	1,344,339 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	4,883 acres	5,073 acres	- 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$39,347,000	\$23,556,000	+ 67
Crop Sales \$17,561,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$21,786,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$153,697	\$88,891	+ 73
Government Payments	\$1,418,000	\$144,000	+ 885
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,930	\$6,240	+ 139





Sierra County – New Mexico

Ranked items among the 33 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	39,347	13	33	1,946	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,561	10	33	1,783	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,786	14	33	1,552	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	13	28	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	7	9	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,551	5	29	337	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	787	9	30	552	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16	26	30	2,462	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	2	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	8,968	10	33	328	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5	19	33	2,612	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	27	32	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	9	19	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7	12	28	2,215	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	25	27	32	2,331	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	32	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	12	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	3	31	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,277	17	33	2,048	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,894	5	29	326	2,801
Corn for silage	1,779	11	17	849	2,237
Peppers, other than bell	1,772	3	20	5	1,392
Cotton, all	(D)	9	9	(D)	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	18,769	23	32	1,401	3,063
Bison	(D)	1	13	(D)	1,126
Layers	562	15	32	2,302	3,040
Horses and ponies	456	29	33	2,147	3,072
Sheep and lambs	321	21	32	1,775	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	41	Farming	173
\$1,000 to \$2,499	12	Other	83
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	231
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Female	25
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	385
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,267	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	145,573	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	166
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,066		
Average per farm (\$)	15,884		

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.