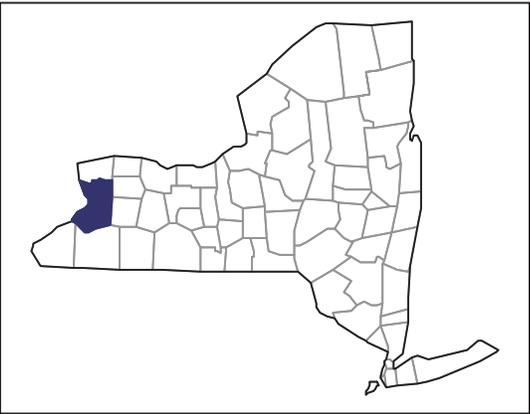


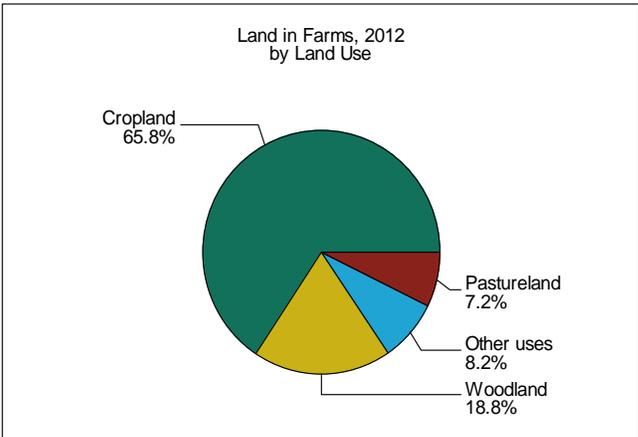
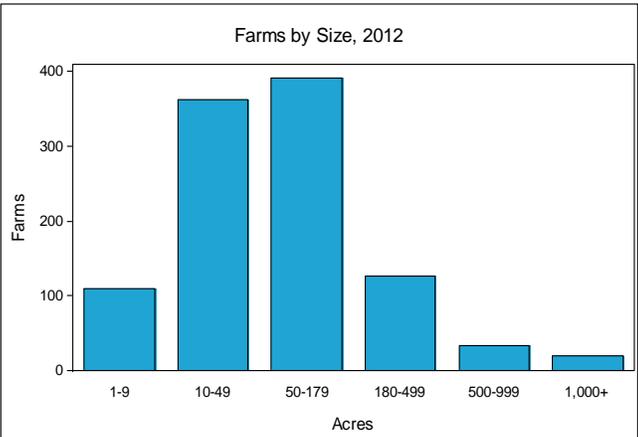
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

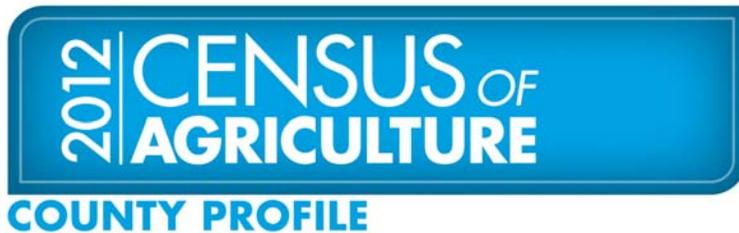
COUNTY PROFILE



Erie County New York

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,044	1,215	- 14
Land in Farms	142,679 acres	149,356 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	137 acres	123 acres	+ 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$133,146,000	\$117,031,000	+ 14
Crop Sales \$61,682,000 (46 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$71,464,000 (54 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$127,534	\$96,322	+ 32
Government Payments	\$1,863,000	\$1,401,000	+ 33
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,453	\$5,248	+ 42





Erie County – New York

Ranked items among the 62 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	133,146	17	62	889	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	61,682	14	60	1,007	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	71,464	17	61	686	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	13,133	20	54	1,407	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11,815	10	59	187	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	13	58	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	28,830	3	60	110	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	195	11	53	163	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	5	57	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	21	55	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	50,004	19	52	170	2,038
Hogs and pigs	249	15	54	1,047	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	198	28	56	809	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	462	26	59	610	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	33	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	597	10	59	375	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	41,568	18	55	334	3,057
Corn for grain	12,796	19	54	1,124	2,638
Corn for silage	12,116	16	52	137	2,237
Soybeans for beans	6,890	15	49	1,205	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	3,363	14	59	226	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	3	59	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	6	54	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	30,084	20	56	957	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,072	10	54	676	2,723
Horses and ponies	2,914	5	60	219	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	295	Farming	599
\$1,000 to \$2,499	96	Other	445
\$2,500 to \$4,999	98		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	114	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	103	Male	806
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Female	238
\$25,000 to \$39,999	45		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	65	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	54	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	115,196	Black or African American	8
Average per farm (\$)	110,341	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	1,619
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	26,787	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	25,658	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	17

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.