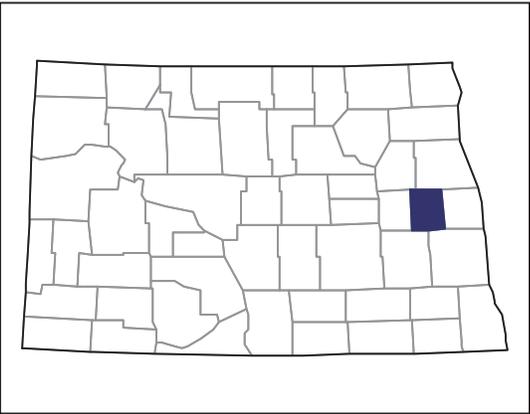


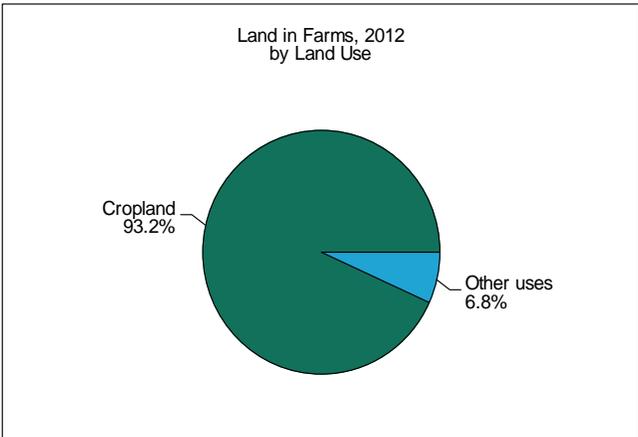
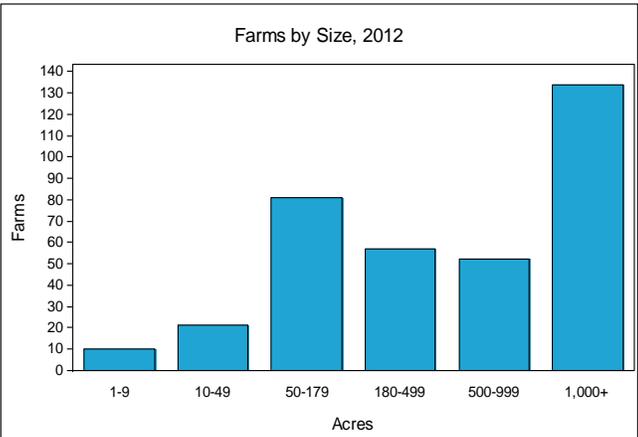
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Steele County North Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	355	342	+ 4
<b>Land in Farms</b>	425,834 acres	401,959 acres	+ 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,200 acres	1,175 acres	+ 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$210,571,000	\$102,344,000	+ 106
Crop Sales \$207,081,000 (98 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,491,000 (2 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$593,159	\$299,251	+ 98
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$6,646,000	\$4,710,000	+ 41
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$19,779	\$15,649	+ 26





## Steele County – North Dakota

### Ranked items among the 53 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	210,571	20	53	498	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	207,081	19	53	206	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,491	51	53	2,615	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	205,967	19	53	131	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	31	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	18	27	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	25	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	6	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,100	49	53	1,843	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	49	53	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	35	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7	37	44	2,242	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	41	42	52	2,391	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	3	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	157,410	12	49	50	2,162
Corn for grain	110,896	10	53	244	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	49,484	45	53	261	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	45,021	44	53	81	633
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	39,335	7	45	11	510
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,025	51	53	2,387	3,063
Sheep and lambs	3,640	5	50	238	2,897
Colonies of bees	(D)	39	44	(D)	2,761
Pheasants	(D)	4	9	(D)	963
Horses and ponies	145	52	53	2,871	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	102	Farming	224
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2	Other	131
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	Male	332
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3	Female	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	49	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	131	White	465
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	129,204	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	363,955	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	99,941		
Average per farm (\$)	281,525		

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