

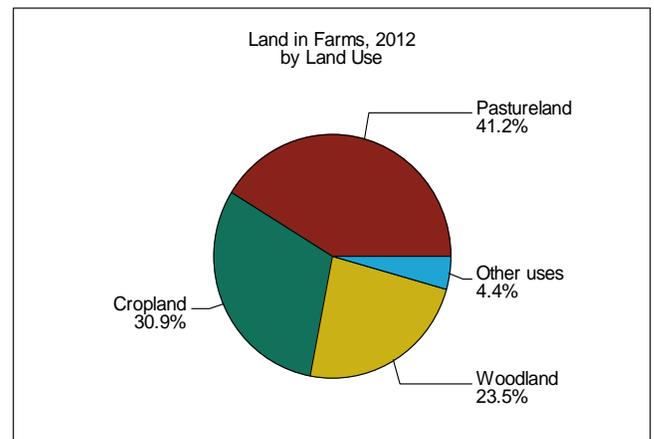
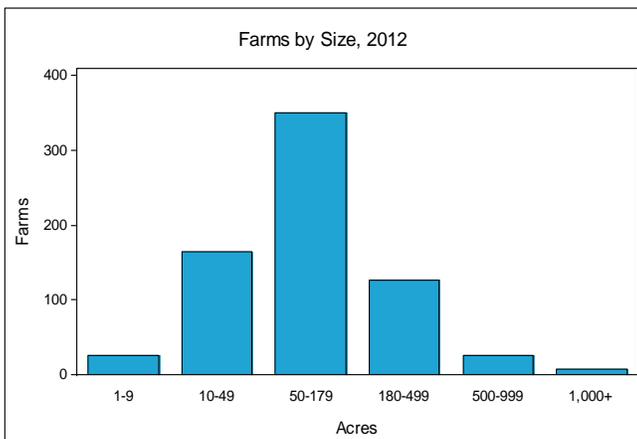
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Belmont County Ohio

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	700	681	+ 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	113,233 acres	129,106 acres	- 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	162 acres	190 acres	- 15
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$20,135,000	\$14,553,000	+ 38
Crop Sales \$4,410,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,725,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$28,764	\$21,370	+ 35
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$613,000	\$140,000	+ 338
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,019	\$1,817	+ 396





## Belmont County – Ohio

### Ranked items among the 88 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	20,135	74	88	2,378	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,410	83	88	2,472	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,725	48	88	1,820	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	210	87	88	2,561	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	223	63	88	1,460	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	83	88	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,693	7	88	803	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	69	88	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	13,261	13	88	1,110	3,056
Milk from cows	2,040	56	85	1,027	2,038
Hogs and pigs	34	74	87	1,571	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	244	23	88	692	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	46	78	88	2,321	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	28	51	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	59	52	88	1,337	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,215	7	88	621	3,057
Corn for grain	303	87	87	2,188	2,638
Corn for silage	294	74	88	1,590	2,237
Vegetables harvested, all	96	58	88	1,291	2,801
Oats for grain	64	56	81	1,278	1,825
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,261	21	88	1,437	3,063
Layers	1,950	61	88	1,308	3,040
Goats, all	1,284	2	88	396	2,996
Sheep and lambs	1,166	36	88	773	2,897
Horses and ponies	848	51	88	1,406	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	150	Farming	295
\$1,000 to \$2,499	92	Other	405
\$2,500 to \$4,999	101		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	117	Male	631
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Female	69
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	2	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,377	Black or African American	4
Average per farm (\$)	29,109	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,067
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,057	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	1,511	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-

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.