

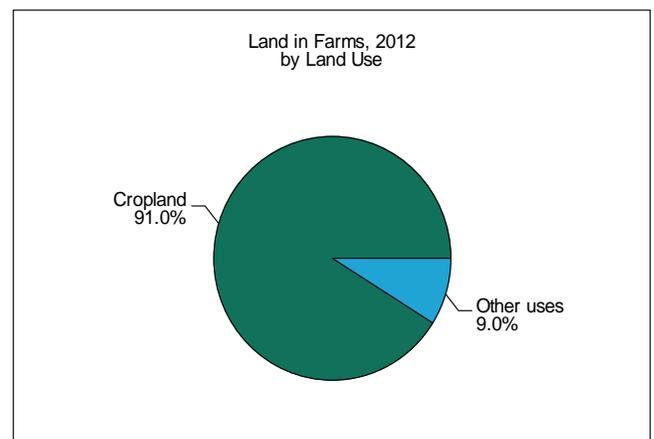
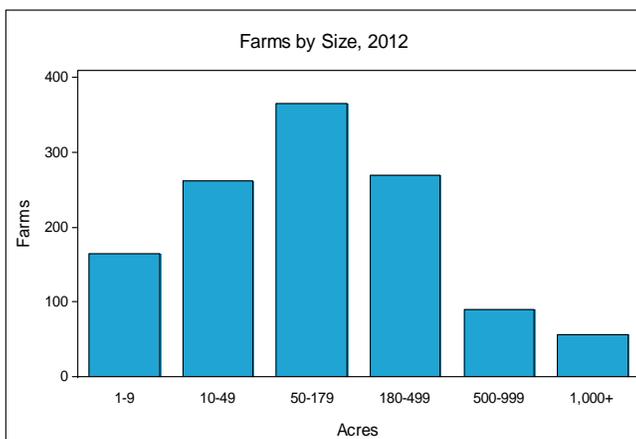
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mercer County Ohio

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,208	1,302	- 7
Land in Farms	273,152 acres	293,026 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	226 acres	225 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$596,366,000	\$535,189,000	+ 11
Crop Sales \$153,143,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$443,223,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$493,680	\$411,051	+ 20
Government Payments	\$7,650,000	\$6,660,000	+ 15
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,011	\$6,435	+ 24





Mercer County – Ohio

Ranked items among the 88 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	596,366	1	88	69	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	153,143	7	88	373	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	443,223	1	88	54	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	150,517	6	88	264	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	15	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	70	88	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	476	54	88	1,376	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,910	33	88	1,378	3,049
Poultry and eggs	229,740	1	88	29	3,013
Cattle and calves	51,042	2	88	265	3,056
Milk from cows	60,847	3	85	132	2,038
Hogs and pigs	100,307	1	87	44	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	47	77	88	2,306	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	31	51	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	11	88	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	103,534	13	87	206	2,162
Corn for grain	94,680	5	87	314	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	17,213	6	87	516	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	17,213	6	87	424	2,480
Corn for silage	13,226	2	88	119	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	7,948,740	2	88	3	3,040
Turkeys	1,408,779	1	83	19	2,416
Pullets for laying flock replacement	878,002	3	87	25	2,637
Hogs and pigs	261,390	1	88	53	2,889
Cattle and calves	66,024	3	88	303	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	156	Farming	544
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	664
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Male	1,148
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	60
\$25,000 to \$39,999	82		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	132		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	167	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	147	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	286	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	427,921	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	354,239	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,802
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	192,146	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	159,061	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8

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.