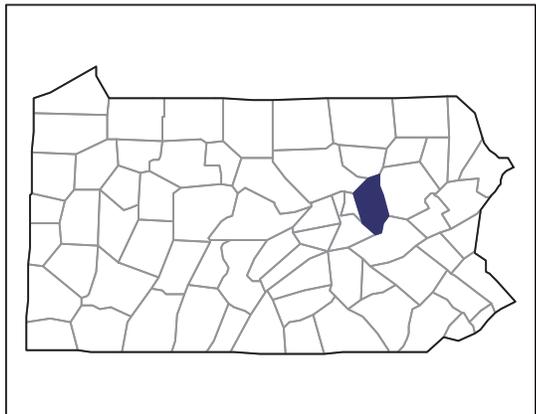


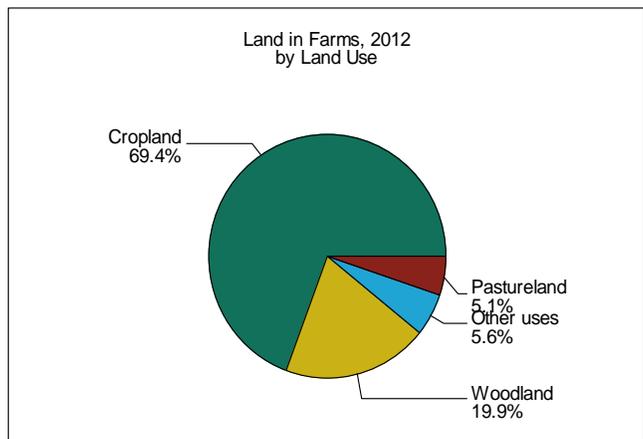
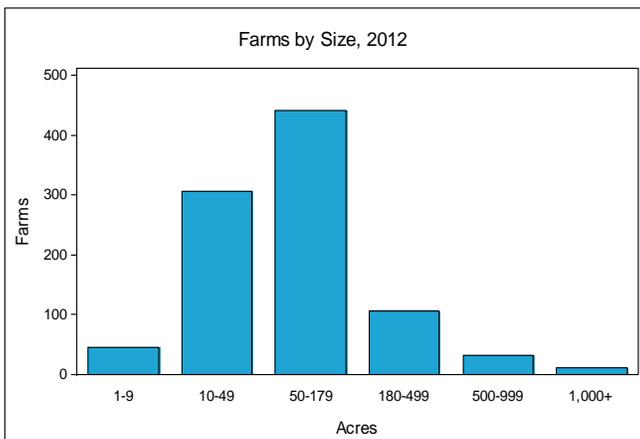
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Columbia County Pennsylvania

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	944	962	- 2
Land in Farms	122,743 acres	122,621 acres	0
Average Size of Farm	130 acres	127 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$74,351,000	\$45,874,000	+ 62
Crop Sales \$48,714,000 (66 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$25,636,000 (34 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$78,761	\$47,687	+ 65
Government Payments	\$2,088,000	\$2,138,000	- 2
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,519	\$3,881	+ 16





Columbia County – Pennsylvania

Ranked items among the 67 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	74,351	28	67	1,445	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	48,714	13	67	1,175	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,636	32	67	1,431	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	28,838	12	66	1,093	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	18	22	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,925	3	66	285	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	19	66	493	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,213	21	66	494	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	4,952	1	64	12	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,796	40	66	1,042	3,049
Poultry and eggs	6,482	22	67	693	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,691	38	67	1,862	3,056
Milk from cows	8,566	39	64	550	2,038
Hogs and pigs	5,599	19	65	538	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	99	47	66	1,353	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	53	67	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	100	40	67	1,100	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	20,273	15	66	961	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,392	43	67	1,230	3,057
Soybeans for beans	14,513	13	66	1,022	2,162
Cut Christmas trees	5,541	1	66	9	1,557
Wheat for grain, all	5,112	9	62	969	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	15	66	(D)	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	19	66	(D)	2,723
Turkeys	(D)	19	65	(D)	2,416
Hogs and pigs	16,813	19	66	520	2,889
Cattle and calves	12,244	41	67	1,777	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	373	Farming	376
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65	Other	568
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	Male	810
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87	Female	134
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	64	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	35	White	1,318
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,498	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	66,205	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,394		
Average per farm (\$)	17,367		

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.