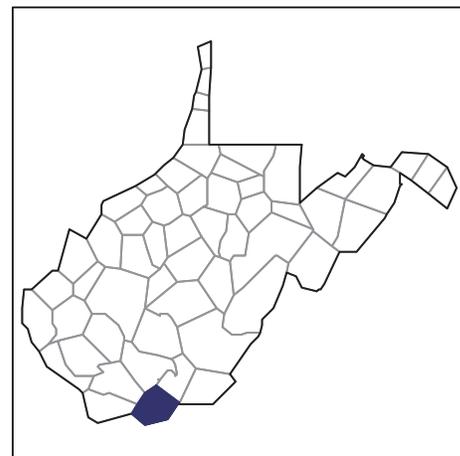


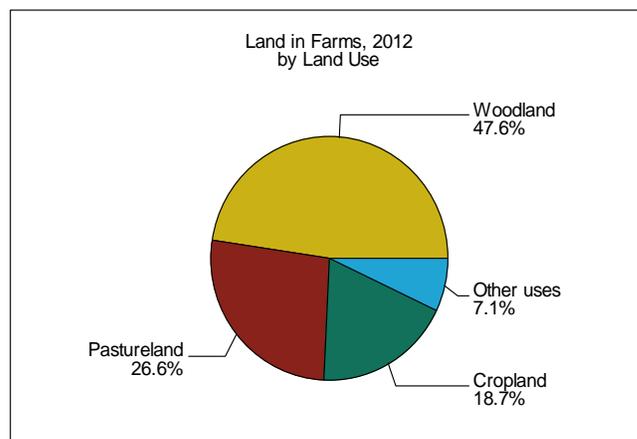
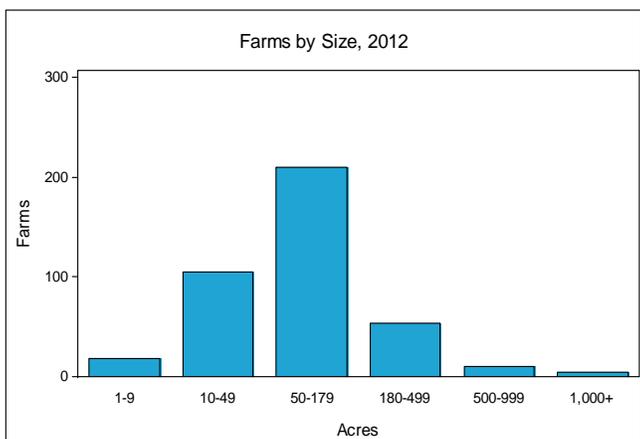
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mercer County West Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	400	445	- 10
Land in Farms	51,791 acres	53,971 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	129 acres	121 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,916,000	\$3,718,000	+ 5
Crop Sales \$1,302,000 (33 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,614,000 (67 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$9,790	\$8,354	+ 17
Government Payments	\$34,000	\$13,000	+ 162
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,125	\$954	+ 228





Mercer County – West Virginia

Ranked items among the 55 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	3,916	28	55	2,892	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,302	19	55	2,820	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,614	29	55	2,693	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	74	21	49	2,684	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	59	34	52	2,100	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	100	14	52	1,426	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	571	5	50	1,288	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	29	10	36	630	1,530
Other crops and hay	469	33	54	2,454	3,049
Poultry and eggs	7	41	54	2,492	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,335	27	55	2,236	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	30	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	12	24	52	2,034	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	53	21	54	1,871	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	55	25	52	2,227	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	20	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,949	34	54	1,847	3,057
Rye for grain	(D)	2	10	(D)	950
Soybeans for beans	(D)	10	17	2,062	2,162
Corn for grain	49	26	48	2,435	2,638
Corn for silage	34	30	38	2,062	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,482	29	55	2,347	3,063
Layers	685	41	54	2,151	3,040
Horses and ponies	680	13	55	1,695	3,072
Goats, all	533	12	54	1,173	2,996
Sheep and lambs	320	23	51	1,777	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	84	Farming	163
\$1,000 to \$2,499	67	Other	237
\$2,500 to \$4,999	89	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	81	Male	360
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42	Female	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	White	542
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,048	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	12,620	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	139		
Average per farm (\$)	348		

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.