

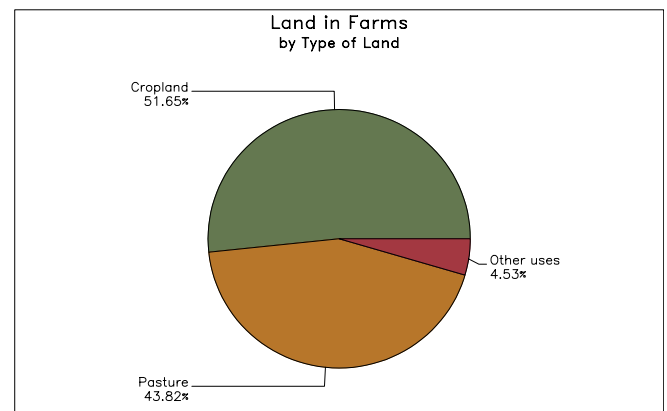
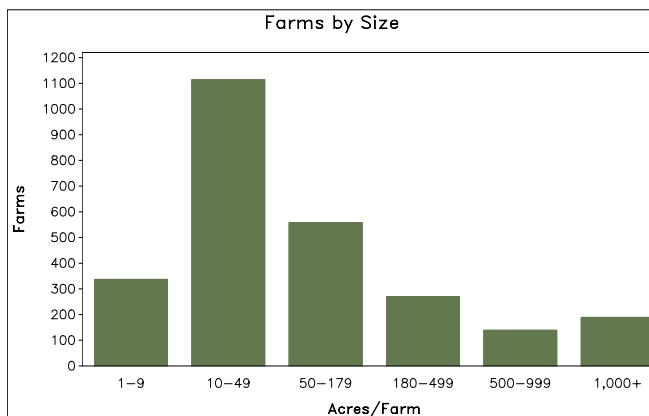
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Merced County California



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	2,607	2,964	- 12
Land in Farms	1,041,115 acres	1,006,127 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	399 acres	339 acres	+ 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$2,330,408,000	\$1,409,254,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$879,332,000 (38 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,451,075,000 (62 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$893,904	\$475,457	+ 88
Government Payments	\$11,968,000	\$11,479,000	+ 4
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$23,193	\$25,284	- 8



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Ranked items among the 58 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	2,330,408	4	58	4	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	879,332	9	58	10	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,451,075	2	57	2	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	46,752	11	48	610	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	63,172	4	13	15	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	244,593	7	55	9	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	425,450	9	56	10	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	21,836	25	56	152	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	74	17	40	490	1,710
Other crops and hay	77,456	4	56	11	3,054
Poultry and eggs	333,626	2	56	13	3,020
Cattle and calves	137,186	5	57	63	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	969,019	2	47	2	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	7	54	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	2,611	9	56	38	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	31	55	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	5,323	6	46	58	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1,758	9	55	103	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	141,744	3	57	11	3,060
Almonds	103,736	4	44	4	157
Corn for silage	71,535	2	33	2	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	59,533	7	55	13	2,794
Cotton, all	57,425	4	13	42	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	2	46	(D)	2,476
Layers	3,625,350	2	55	16	3,024
Turkeys	1,639,018	1	48	14	2,371
Pullets for laying flock replacement	570,248	5	51	46	2,627
Cattle and calves	549,770	2	57	4	3,060

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	421	Farming	1,551
\$1,000 to \$2,499	88	Other	1,056
\$2,500 to \$4,999	93	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	110	Male	2,405
\$10,000 to \$19,999	206	Female	202
\$20,000 to \$24,999	73	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	185	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	101	American Indian or Alaska Native	44
\$50,000 to \$99,999	297	Asian	213
\$100,000 to \$249,999	298	Black or African American	16
\$250,000 to \$499,999	150	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11
\$500,000 or more	585	White	3,800
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,754,503	More than one race	36
Average per farm (\$)	672,997	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	522
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	626,679		
Average per farm (\$)	240,383		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.