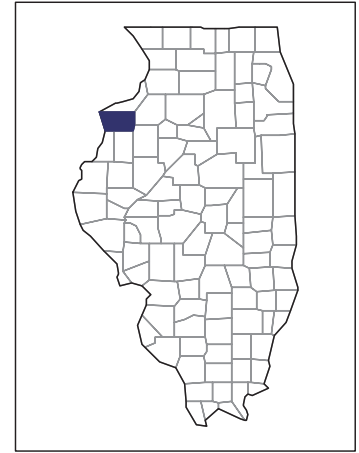


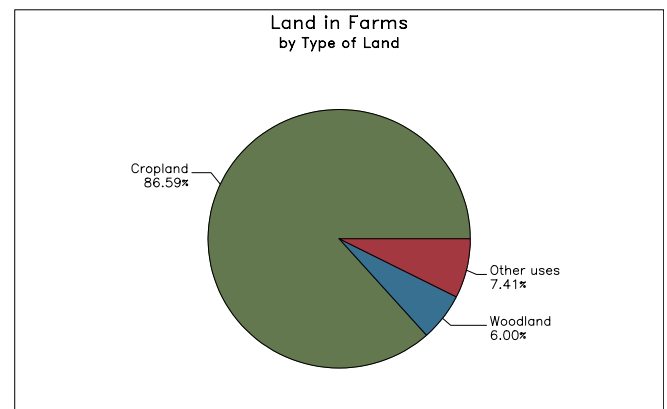
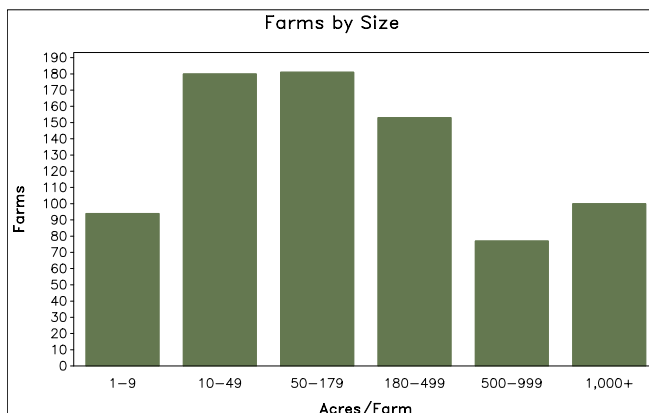
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mercer County Illinois



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	785	746	+ 5
Land in Farms	306,306 acres	292,719 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	390 acres	392 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$145,788,000	\$90,134,000	+ 62
Crop Sales \$122,784,000 (84 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$23,004,000 (16 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$185,717	\$120,823	+ 54
Government Payments	\$6,103,000	\$5,514,000	+ 11
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,955	\$10,854	- 8



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mercer County – Illinois

Ranked items among the 102 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	145,788	38	102	558	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	122,784	36	102	268	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,004	32	102	1,417	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	121,525	34	102	135	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1	90	95	2,600	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	129	70	96	1,964	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	46	70	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	850	23	102	1,710	3,054
Poultry and eggs	5	89	102	2,735	3,020
Cattle and calves	6,911	32	102	1,485	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	108	77	90	1,993	2,493
Hogs and pigs	15,675	29	102	267	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	129	12	101	906	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	11	100	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	150,638	32	102	137	2,634
Soybeans for beans	90,966	40	102	226	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,012	23	102	1,918	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	1,535	82	101	1,454	2,481
Corn for silage	453	48	97	1,384	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	61,880	24	101	248	2,958
Cattle and calves	15,837	25	102	1,616	3,060
Sheep and lambs	1,070	12	101	854	2,891
Horses and ponies	660	46	102	1,922	3,066
Goats, all	313	45	101	1,907	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	222	Farming	413
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51	Other	372
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Male	690
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	Female	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	93	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	73	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	93	White	1,124
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	100,248	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	127,704	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	58,113		
Average per farm (\$)	74,030		

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.