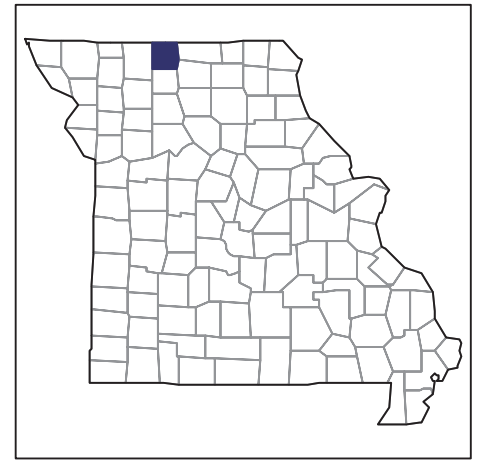


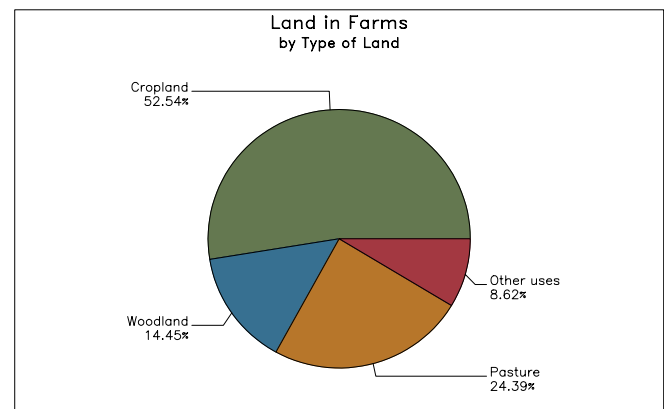
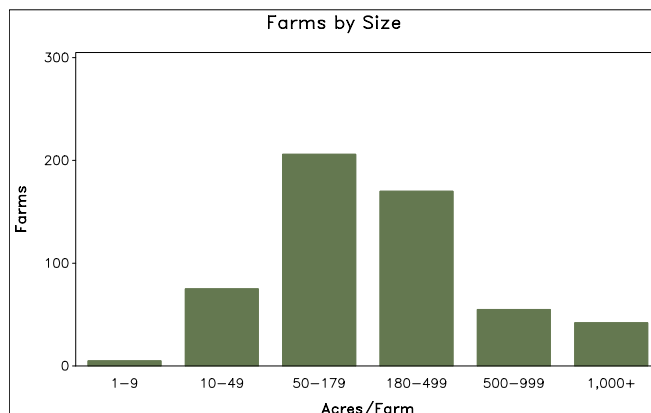
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## County Profile

### Mercer County Missouri



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	553	569	- 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	201,417 acres	212,001 acres	- 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	364 acres	373 acres	- 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$81,504,000	\$83,380,000	- 2
Crop Sales \$14,186,000 (17 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$67,318,000 (83 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$147,386	\$146,538	+ 1
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,921,000	\$3,028,000	- 4
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$7,126	\$7,764	- 8



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### Mercer County – Missouri

#### Ranked items among the 114 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	81,504	32	114	1,082	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,186	67	114	1,661	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	67,318	13	114	611	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	62	114	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	(D)	5	11	(D)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	109	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	97	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	109	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	63	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	11	106	113	2,408	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	106	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	112	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	27	92	112	2,103	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	16	106	113	2,740	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	45	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	110	110	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,010	71	114	851	3,060
Soybeans for beans	19,366	67	104	843	2,039
Corn for grain	16,386	59	107	1,001	2,634
Corn for silage	475	53	97	1,361	2,263
Wheat for grain, all	298	91	108	1,962	2,481
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	111	(D)	2,958
Cattle and calves	22,702	80	114	1,298	3,060
Layers	608	97	113	2,022	3,024
Horses and ponies	564	99	114	2,109	3,066
Sheep and lambs	226	86	110	1,922	2,891

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	224	Farming	198
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	355
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59	Male	487
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Female	66
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	(D)	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	(D)	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	830
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-18,144	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	-32,811	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.