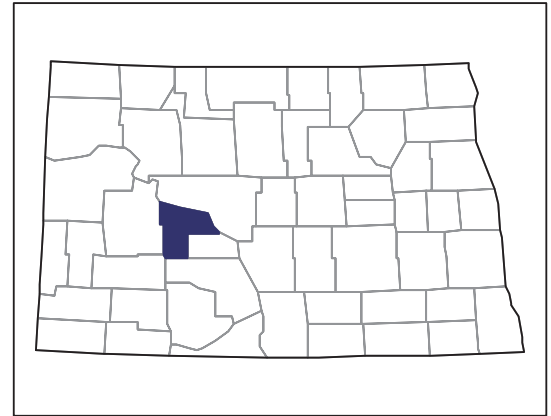


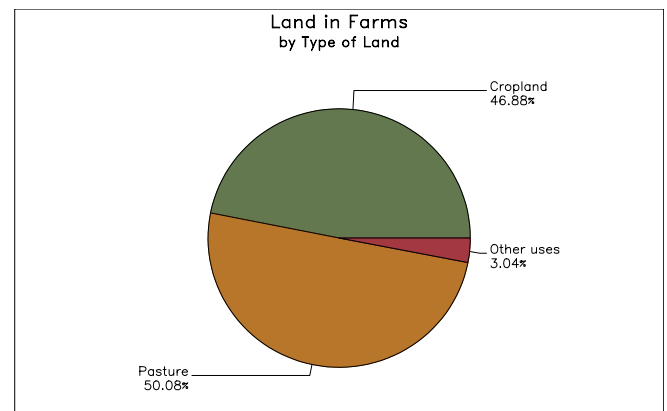
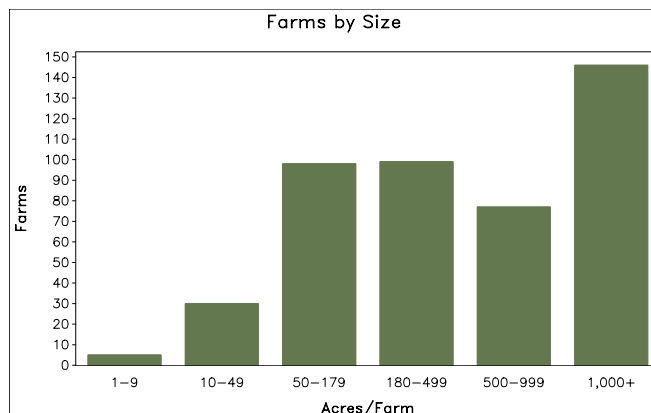
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mercer County North Dakota



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	455	456	0
Land in Farms	509,552 acres	536,339 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	1,120 acres	1,176 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$40,068,000	\$22,252,000	+ 80
Crop Sales \$24,622,000 (61 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,446,000 (39 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$88,061	\$48,799	+ 80
Government Payments	\$2,609,000	\$1,710,000	+ 53
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,606	\$6,528	+ 17



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mercer County – North Dakota

Ranked items among the 53 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	40,068	51	53	1,767	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,622	50	53	1,339	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,446	29	53	1,732	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,112	50	53	932	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	34	-	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	25	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	209	9	23	1,781	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	5	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,301	30	53	1,264	3,054
Poultry and eggs	7	33	51	2,611	3,020
Cattle and calves	14,813	23	53	899	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	382	29	46	1,702	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	44	52	2,476	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	46	53	2,387	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	120	15	53	1,553	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	101	43	52	991	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	81,864	39	53	209	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	68,287	11	53	114	3,060
Barley for grain	14,612	33	53	66	1,154
Canola	7,003	21	43	22	191
Corn for grain	6,690	40	53	1,313	2,634
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	36,552	20	53	865	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,244	12	53	1,102	3,066
Layers	353	19	50	2,385	3,024
Elk	(D)	4	30	(D)	824
Sheep and lambs	220	45	51	1,938	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	105	Farming	207
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15	Other	248
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Male	407
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	48
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	70	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	18	White	658
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,294	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	64,382	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,591		
Average per farm (\$)	34,266		

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.