

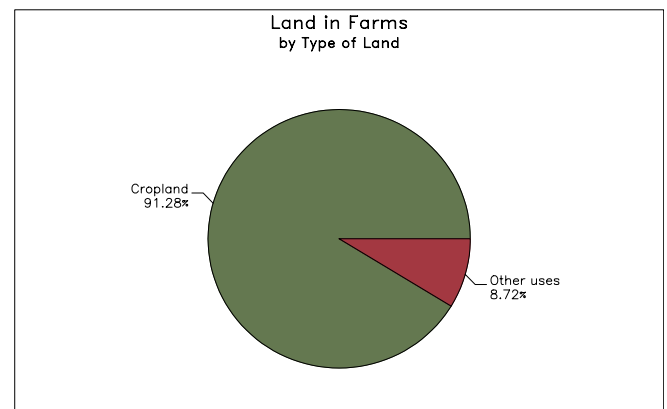
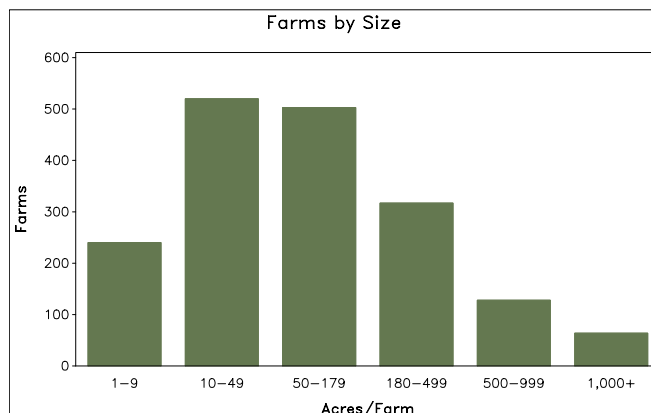
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Darke County Ohio



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,772	1,764	0
Land in Farms	350,450 acres	339,055 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	198 acres	192 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$479,752,000	\$304,206,000	+ 58
Crop Sales \$128,287,000 (27 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$351,465,000 (73 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$270,741	\$172,452	+ 57
Government Payments	\$7,497,000	\$5,562,000	+ 35
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,830	\$6,858	- 15



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Ranked items among the 88 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	479,752	2	88	60	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	128,287	1	88	241	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	351,465	2	88	58	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	121,834	1	88	133	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	22	88	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,557	30	87	716	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	79	84	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,763	20	88	981	3,054
Poultry and eggs	232,597	1	88	20	3,020
Cattle and calves	29,088	5	88	435	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	27,274	8	86	244	2,493
Hogs and pigs	61,998	2	88	63	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	197	25	88	641	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	124	59	88	1,531	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	12	53	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	134,876	2	87	60	2,039
Corn for grain	132,248	1	88	177	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	20,892	11	87	491	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,293	37	88	1,512	3,060
Corn for silage	7,836	3	86	182	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	8,381,549	1	88	2	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	2,318,646	1	86	2	2,627
Turkeys	625,979	2	85	47	2,371
Hogs and pigs	225,171	2	88	69	2,958
Cattle and calves	36,595	4	88	862	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	269	Farming	800
\$1,000 to \$2,499	113	Other	972
\$2,500 to \$4,999	135	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	159	Male	1,658
\$10,000 to \$19,999	166	Female	114
\$20,000 to \$24,999	52	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	151	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	62	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	180	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	179	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	127	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	179	White	2,578
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	343,190	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	193,674	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	16
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	149,872		
Average per farm (\$)	84,578		

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.