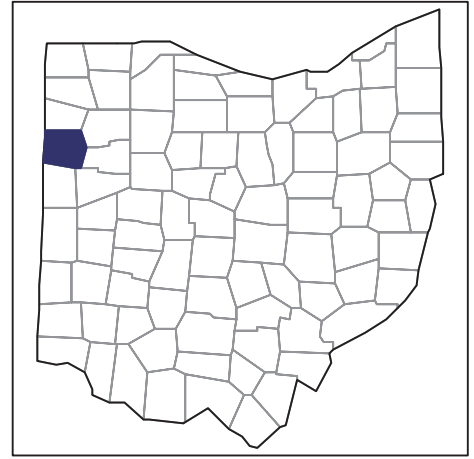


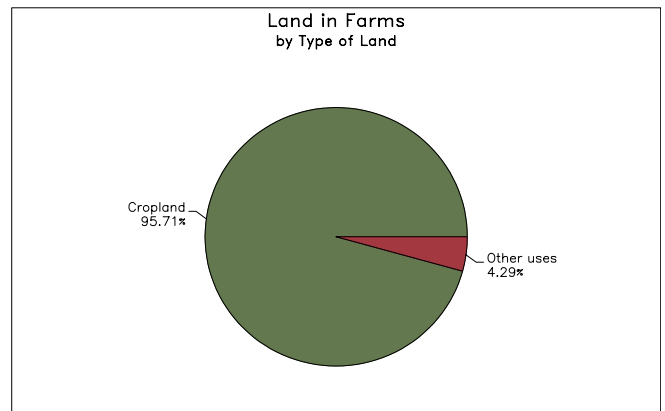
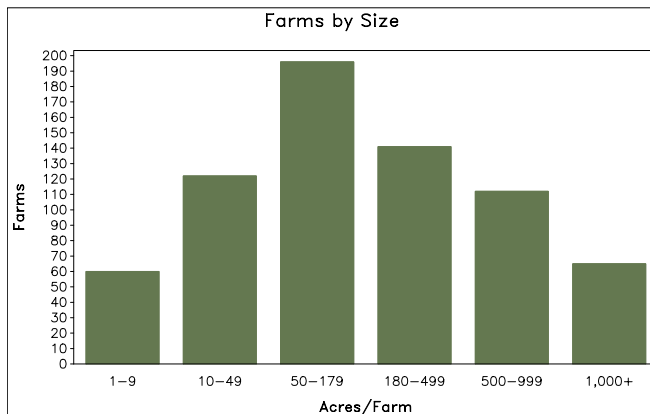
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Van Wert County Ohio



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	696	681	+ 2
Land in Farms	246,497 acres	250,224 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	354 acres	367 acres	- 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$110,079,000	\$59,057,000	+ 86
Crop Sales \$85,756,000 (78 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$24,323,000 (22 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$158,160	\$86,721	+ 82
Government Payments	\$5,778,000	\$3,468,000	+ 67
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,519	\$8,121	+ 17



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Van Wert County – Ohio

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	110,079	21	88	805	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	85,756	13	88	477	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	24,323	29	88	1,371	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	84,938	8	88	303	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	20	86	88	2,388	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	87	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	10,552	25	86	463	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5,724	26	88	501	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	72	65	88	1,364	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	7	88	88	2,879	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	12	78	88	1,966	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	115,323	4	87	104	2,039
Corn for grain	82,624	12	88	373	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	20,662	12	87	496	2,481
Popcorn	9,428	1	35	4	281
Corn for silage	2,607	21	86	542	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	9	88	(D)	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	10	86	(D)	2,627
Hogs and pigs	25,344	21	88	466	2,958
Cattle and calves	6,518	66	88	2,304	3,060
Sheep and lambs	997	48	88	907	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	75	Farming	340
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30	Other	356
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39	Male	660
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Female	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	74	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	77	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	143	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	75	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	46	White	1,015
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	77,022	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	110,664	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,718		
Average per farm (\$)	59,940		

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.