

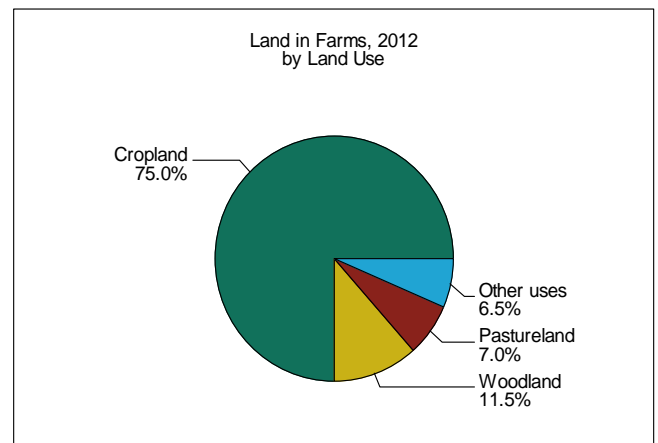
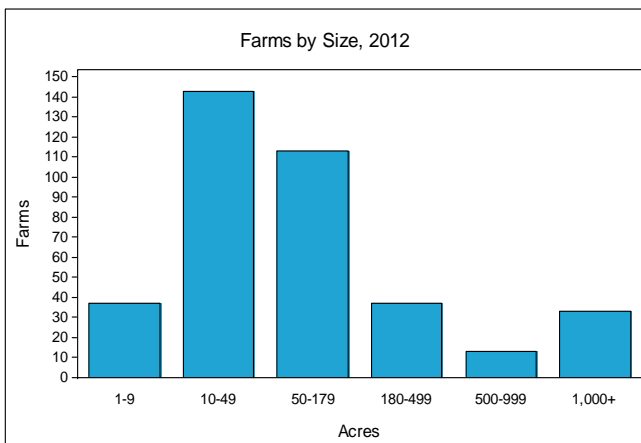
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Ashley County Arkansas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	376	436	- 14
Land in Farms	111,521 acres	154,180 acres	- 28
Average Size of Farm	297 acres	354 acres	- 16
Market Value of Products Sold	\$72,844,000	\$64,713,000	+ 13
Crop Sales \$66,742,000 (92 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,102,000 (8 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$193,735	\$148,425	+ 31
Government Payments	\$3,123,000	\$5,578,000	- 44
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$26,688	\$40,419	- 34





Ashley County – Arkansas

Ranked items among the 75 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	72,844	48	75	1,461	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	66,742	22	75	946	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,102	58	75	2,389	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	49,080	24	57	842	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	13,747	11	22	135	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,531	3	74	452	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	72	73	2,710	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	31	58	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	10	19	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	259	66	75	2,692	3,049
Poultry and eggs	8	66	73	2,471	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,381	55	75	2,512	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	40	65	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	10	57	71	2,670	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	50	48	73	2,268	3,011
Aquaculture	4,641	6	34	70	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	31,136	24	48	776	2,162
Corn for grain	18,323	17	49	1,003	2,638
Cotton, all	17,995	10	22	150	635
Upland cotton	17,995	10	22	149	635
Wheat for grain, all	5,747	24	51	921	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,186	58	75	2,482	3,063
Horses and ponies	698	37	75	1,663	3,072
Layers	573	59	75	2,287	3,040
Goats, all	220	45	73	2,089	2,996
Pullets for laying flock replacement	152	38	67	1,390	2,637

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	130	Farming	152
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46	Other	224
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Male	346
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Female	30
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	23
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	39	White	560
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	60,123	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	159,903	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	27
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,600		
Average per farm (\$)	49,469		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.