

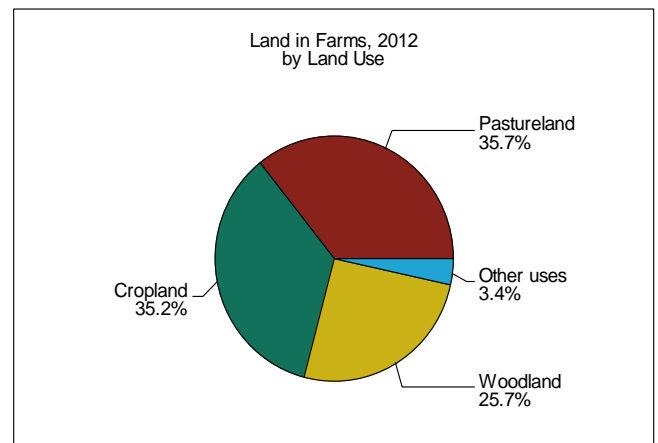
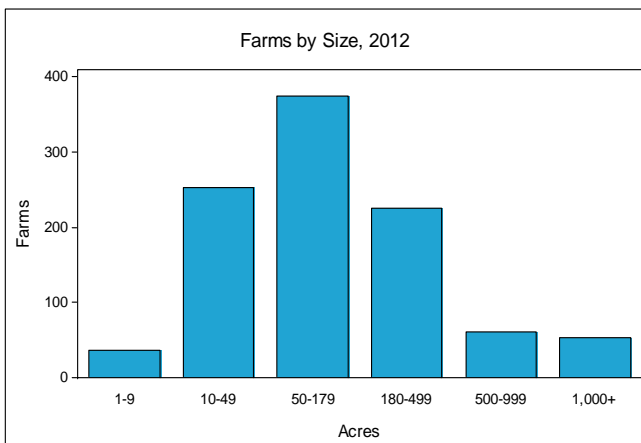
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Independence County Arkansas

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,003	1,121	- 11
<b>Land in Farms</b>	247,879 acres	249,653 acres	- 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	247 acres	223 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$131,867,000	\$123,630,000	+ 7
Crop Sales \$33,891,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$97,976,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$131,473	\$110,286	+ 19
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,541,000	\$1,801,000	- 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,014	\$13,543	- 33





## Independence County – Arkansas

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

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	131,867	36	75	902	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,891	26	75	1,395	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	97,976	19	75	486	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	31,670	25	57	1,047	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	22	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	138	27	74	1,695	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	27	73	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	298	20	58	1,603	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	18	19	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,714	12	75	1,472	3,049
Poultry and eggs	79,982	19	73	155	3,013
Cattle and calves	17,322	16	75	904	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	18	31	65	1,864	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	92	14	71	1,415	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	328	12	73	843	3,011
Aquaculture	36	23	34	782	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	198	6	70	766	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,237	13	75	599	3,057
Soybeans for beans	25,412	25	48	848	2,162
Rice	9,358	24	38	60	146
Corn for grain	8,554	24	49	1,246	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	2,825	31	51	1,216	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,711,377	21	65	178	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	577,278	3	67	43	2,637
Layers	75,179	34	75	420	3,040
Cattle and calves	36,053	13	75	783	3,063
Roosters	8,960	33	63	205	2,120

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	211	Farming	380
\$1,000 to \$2,499	97	Other	623
\$2,500 to \$4,999	124		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	125	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	170	Male	900
\$20,000 to \$24,999	48	Female	103
\$25,000 to \$39,999	63		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	61	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	107,655	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	107,333	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,465
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,477	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	28,392	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	8

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.

<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.