

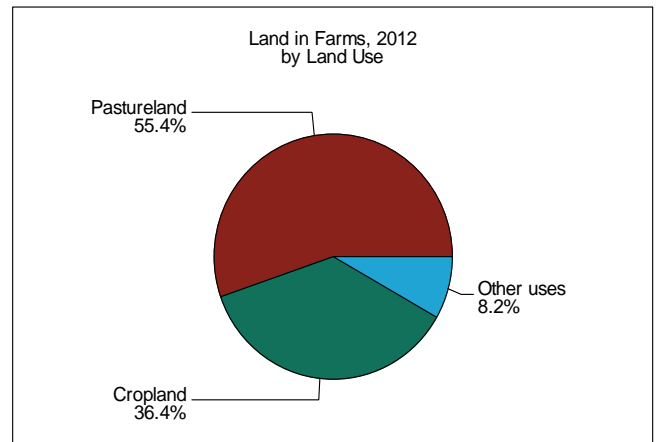
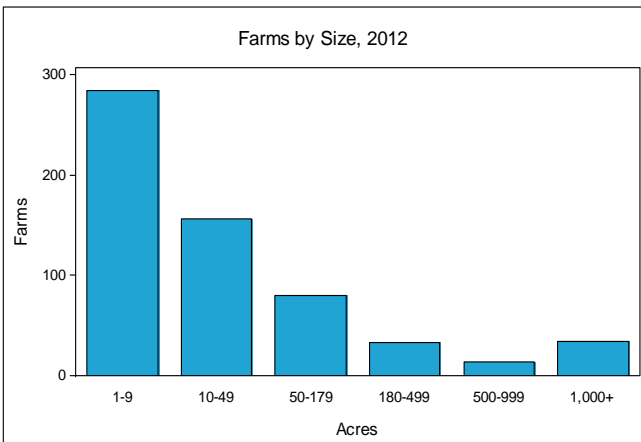
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Contra Costa County California

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	602	634	- 5
Land in Farms	127,670 acres	146,993 acres	- 13
Average Size of Farm	212 acres	232 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$89,358,000	\$70,810,000	+ 26
Crop Sales \$75,703,000 (85 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$13,655,000 (15 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$148,436	\$111,687	+ 33
Government Payments	\$232,000	\$192,000	+ 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,811	\$10,079	- 32





Contra Costa County – California

Ranked items among the 58 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	89,358	39	58	1,270	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	75,703	36	58	846	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,655	38	58	1,898	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	21	48	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	22,445	24	55	120	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	26,575	33	56	87	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	38	56	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	28	41	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	16,459	16	58	197	3,049
Poultry and eggs	48	42	57	1,635	3,013
Cattle and calves	12,059	31	57	1,175	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	40	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10	48	55	2,095	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	72	48	56	1,648	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,355	15	56	166	3,011
Aquaculture	(Z)	45	45	1,358	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	111	38	58	1,036	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,879	31	58	1,752	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	5,254	23	55	152	2,801
Wheat for grain, all	4,439	16	40	1,029	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	14	36	(D)	2,480
Sweet corn	3,481	4	43	38	2,416
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,673	28	57	1,238	3,063
Goats, all	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,996
Layers	3,256	32	57	998	3,040
Horses and ponies	2,658	20	58	279	3,072
Sheep and lambs	571	47	56	1,327	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	179	Farming	313
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57	Other	289
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	60	Male	433
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Female	169
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	Asian	44
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	33	White	834
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	80,019	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	132,922	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	83
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,659		
Average per farm (\$)	24,351		

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. (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.