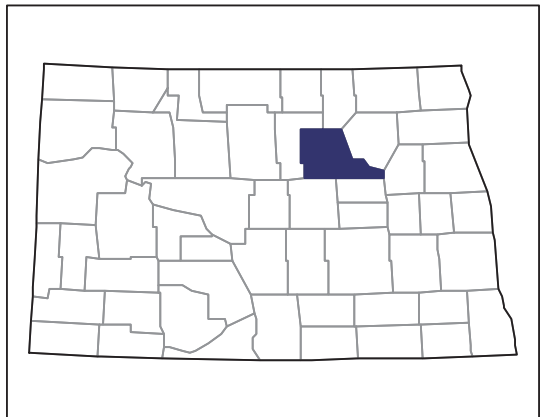


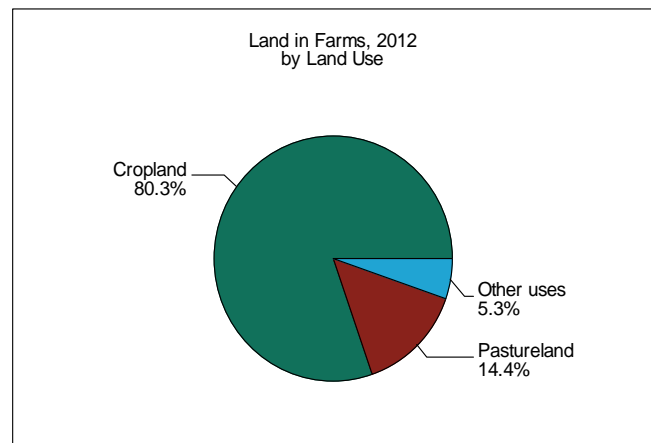
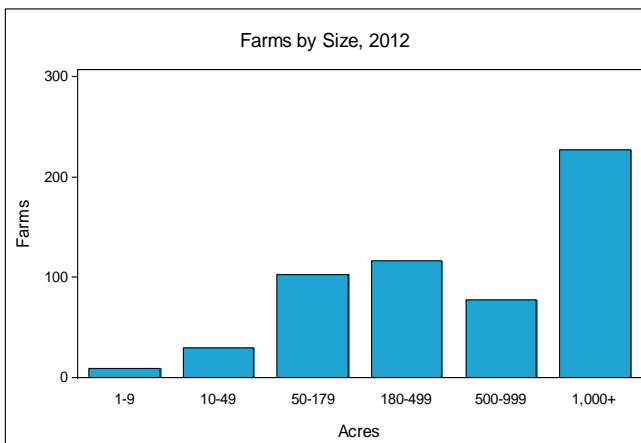
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Benson County North Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	563	591	- 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	802,059 acres	759,341 acres	+ 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,425 acres	1,285 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$240,629,000	\$122,569,000	+ 96
Crop Sales \$222,997,000 (93 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$17,631,000 (7 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$427,404	\$207,393	+ 106
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$7,551,000	\$8,024,000	- 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$16,066	\$16,081	0





## Benson County – North Dakota

### Ranked items among the 53 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	240,629	17	53	416	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	222,997	17	53	185	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,631	31	53	1,717	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	218,941	17	53	117	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9	32	39	2,606	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	27	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	25	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	6	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,048	32	53	734	3,049
Poultry and eggs	5	28	53	2,611	3,013
Cattle and calves	15,513	28	53	990	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	35	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	18	28	44	1,860	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	16	42	49	2,519	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	135	26	52	1,587	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	3	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,945	10	51	123	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	171,249	8	49	36	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	132,345	27	53	102	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	117,132	21	53	35	633
Corn for grain	81,163	14	53	382	2,638
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	44,660	6	45	9	510
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	29,654	24	53	969	3,063
Bison	3,489	1	35	8	1,126
Horses and ponies	1,072	14	53	1,112	3,072
Sheep and lambs	552	33	50	1,356	2,897
Layers	414	20	52	2,475	3,040

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	162	Farming	363
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	200
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	509
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	54
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	57	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	69	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$500,000 or more	133	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	153,709	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	273,017	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	747
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	104,094	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	184,891	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	3

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

- Represents zero.

<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.