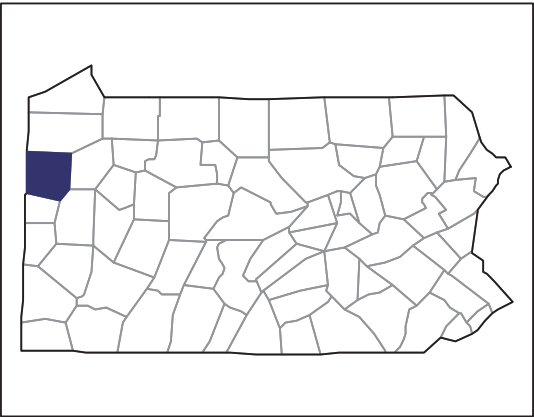


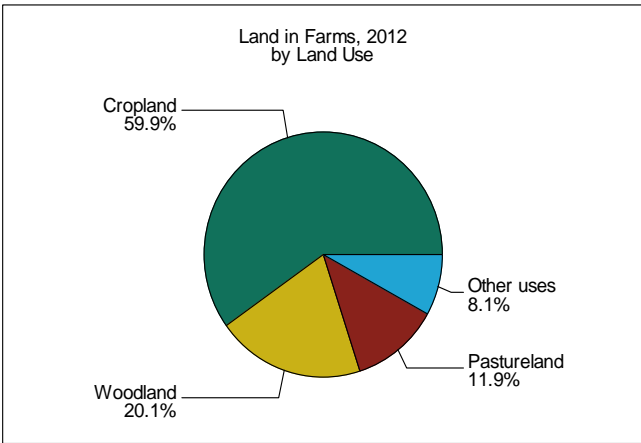
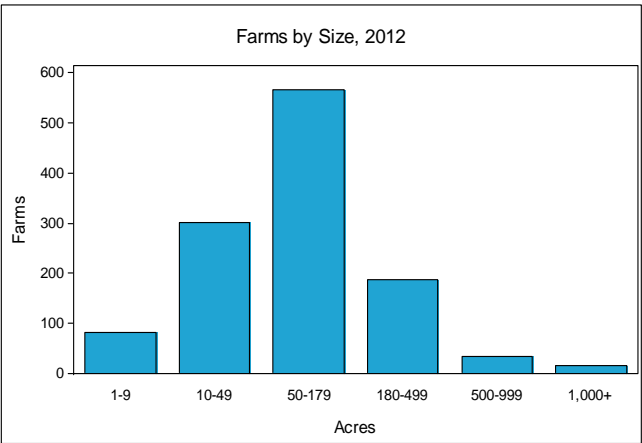
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mercer County Pennsylvania

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,185	1,210	- 2
Land in Farms	163,148 acres	171,860 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	138 acres	142 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$82,650,000	\$60,655,000	+ 36
Crop Sales \$46,664,000 (56 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,986,000 (44 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$69,747	\$50,128	+ 39
Government Payments	\$1,376,000	\$1,724,000	- 20
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,887	\$3,707	+ 5





Mercer County – Pennsylvania

Ranked items among the 67 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	82,650	26	67	1,337	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,664	15	67	1,208	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,986	27	67	1,147	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,960	8	66	975	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,322	30	66	743	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,387	25	66	566	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	53	64	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,732	30	66	793	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	45	67	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,987	26	67	1,562	3,056
Milk from cows	25,465	20	64	281	2,038
Hogs and pigs	258	33	65	1,040	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	304	16	66	549	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	694	12	67	391	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	53	54	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	2,165	2	67	105	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	32,591	5	66	766	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,401	24	67	689	3,057
Soybeans for beans	16,999	9	66	981	2,162
Corn for silage	4,543	26	64	409	2,237
Oats for grain	2,368	6	64	98	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,293	22	67	1,119	3,063
Layers	6,350	29	66	756	3,040
Horses and ponies	2,847	12	67	231	3,072
Sheep and lambs	2,828	7	66	312	2,897
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,971	26	66	771	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	290	Farming	535
\$1,000 to \$2,499	87	Other	650
\$2,500 to \$4,999	107	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	135	Male	1,032
\$10,000 to \$19,999	134	Female	153
\$20,000 to \$24,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	70	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	35	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	115	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	89	Black or African American	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	50	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	36	White	1,791
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	61,921	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	52,254	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	22
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,699		
Average per farm (\$)	20,843		

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.