

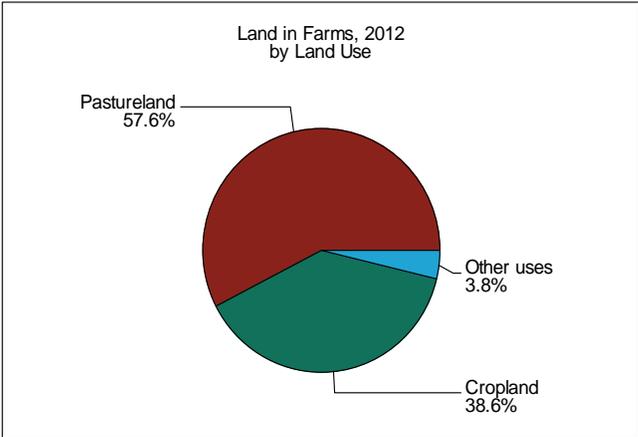
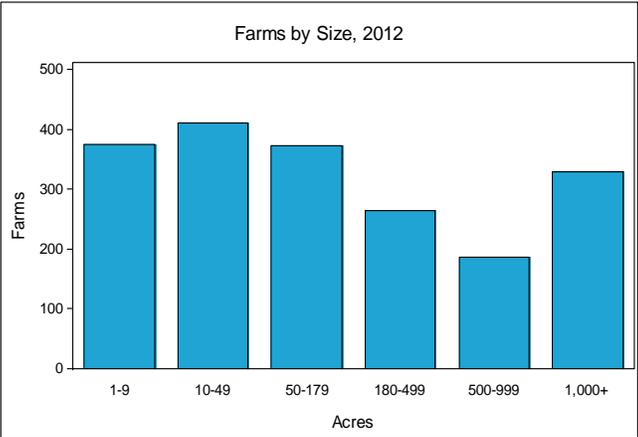
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Kern County California

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,938	2,117	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	2,330,233 acres	2,361,765 acres	- 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,202 acres	1,116 acres	+ 8
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$3,998,990,000	\$3,204,147,000	+ 25
Crop Sales \$3,231,921,000 (81 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$767,070,000 (19 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$2,063,462	\$1,513,532	+ 36
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$5,306,000	\$27,346,000	- 81
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$17,687	\$75,332	- 77





## Kern County – California

### Ranked items among the 58 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	3,998,990	3	58	3	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,231,921	2	58	2	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	767,070	6	58	23	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51,641	12	48	815	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	99,789	3	11	4	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	415,435	5	55	6	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,536,945	2	56	2	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	56,680	16	56	45	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	17	29	41	796	1,530
Other crops and hay	71,412	7	58	31	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	12	57	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	230,379	5	57	45	3,056
Milk from cows	495,420	5	40	6	2,038
Hogs and pigs	149	16	55	1,156	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	800	24	56	322	3,011
Aquaculture	1,671	18	45	154	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	2,389	8	58	92	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Almonds	157,819	1	47	1	147
Grapes	109,063	2	53	2	2,144
Pistachios	89,772	1	35	1	65
Vegetables harvested, all	88,634	4	55	6	2,801
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	76,305	9	58	61	3,057
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	5	57	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	6	55	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	342,383	7	57	13	3,063
Colonies of bees	129,731	1	56	1	2,761
Sheep and lambs	114,571	1	56	2	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	435	Farming	1,225
\$1,000 to \$2,499	87	Other	713
\$2,500 to \$4,999	91	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	123	Male	1,589
\$10,000 to \$19,999	99	Female	349
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	77	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	62
\$50,000 to \$99,999	115	Asian	192
\$100,000 to \$249,999	120	Black or African American	17
\$250,000 to \$499,999	139	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	590	White	2,908
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,394,697	More than one race	36
Average per farm (\$)	1,751,650	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	364
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	713,452		
Average per farm (\$)	368,138		

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.