

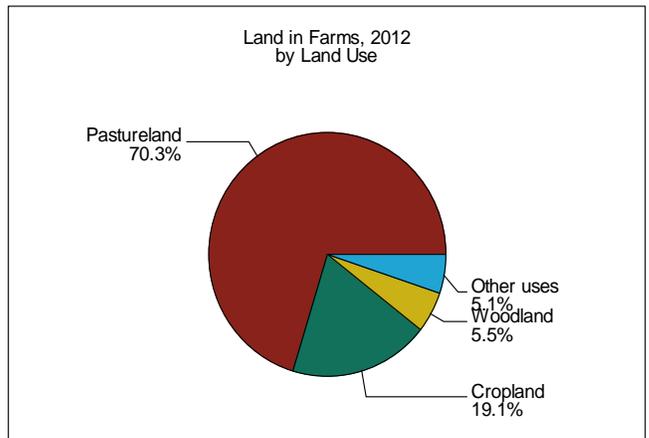
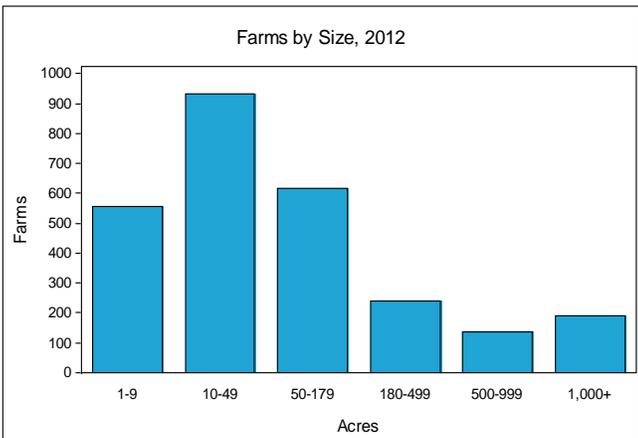
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



San Luis Obispo County California

| | 2012 | 2007 | % change |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 2,666 | 2,784 | - 4 |
| Land in Farms | 1,338,874 acres | 1,369,604 acres | - 2 |
| Average Size of Farm | 502 acres | 492 acres | + 2 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$664,984,000 | \$560,607,000 | + 19 |
| Crop Sales \$618,023,000 (93 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$46,961,000 (7 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$249,431 | \$201,368 | + 24 |
| Government Payments | \$3,488,000 | \$4,492,000 | - 22 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$14,472 | \$19,701 | - 27 |





San Luis Obispo 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 | 664,984 | 16 | 58 | 53 | 3,077 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 618,023 | 15 | 58 | 20 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 46,961 | 21 | 58 | 943 | 3,076 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 4,869 | 26 | 48 | 1,762 | 2,926 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 436 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 11 | - | 635 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 160,773 | 10 | 55 | 18 | 2,802 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 356,975 | 14 | 56 | 16 | 2,724 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 85,129 | 12 | 56 | 35 | 2,678 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 55 | 15 | 41 | 446 | 1,530 |
| Other crops and hay | 10,222 | 20 | 58 | 287 | 3,049 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 57 | (D) | 3,013 |
| Cattle and calves | 31,779 | 16 | 57 | 493 | 3,056 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | 32 | 40 | (D) | 2,038 |
| Hogs and pigs | 119 | 18 | 55 | 1,212 | 2,827 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk | 1,893 | 13 | 56 | 90 | 2,988 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 4,516 | 3 | 56 | 25 | 3,011 |
| Aquaculture | 6,931 | 3 | 45 | 48 | 1,366 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 845 | 18 | 58 | 289 | 2,924 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Grapes | 39,837 | 9 | 53 | 9 | 2,144 |
| Vegetables harvested, all | 25,441 | 12 | 55 | 34 | 2,801 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 24,178 | 18 | 58 | 797 | 3,057 |
| Barley for grain | 15,782 | 1 | 35 | 56 | 1,158 |
| Broccoli | 6,897 | 4 | 40 | 5 | 945 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 58,095 | 16 | 57 | 393 | 3,063 |
| Sheep and lambs | 13,276 | 13 | 56 | 73 | 2,897 |
| Layers | 6,848 | 15 | 57 | 742 | 3,040 |
| Horses and ponies | 6,283 | 4 | 58 | 31 | 3,072 |
| Goats, all | 1,301 | 30 | 53 | 395 | 2,996 |

Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 696 | Farming | 1,254 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 142 | Other | 1,412 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 199 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 238 | Male | 2,150 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 274 | Female | 516 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 92 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 61.2 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 174 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 93 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 43 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 248 | Asian | 118 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 238 | Black or African American | 4 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 104 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 11 |
| \$500,000 or more | 168 | White | 3,981 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 597,782 | More than one race | 35 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 224,224 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 433 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 113,282 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 42,491 | | |

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.