

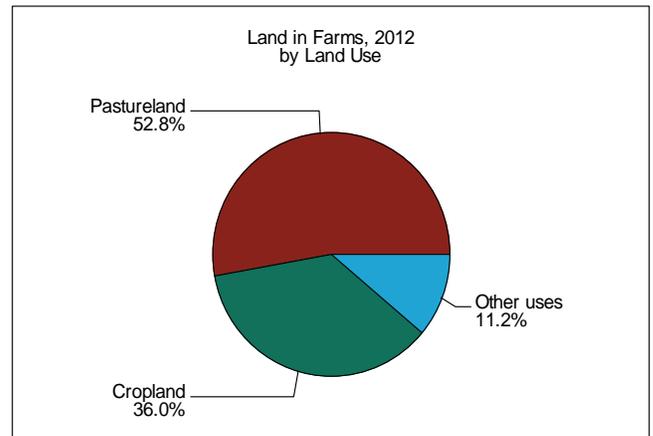
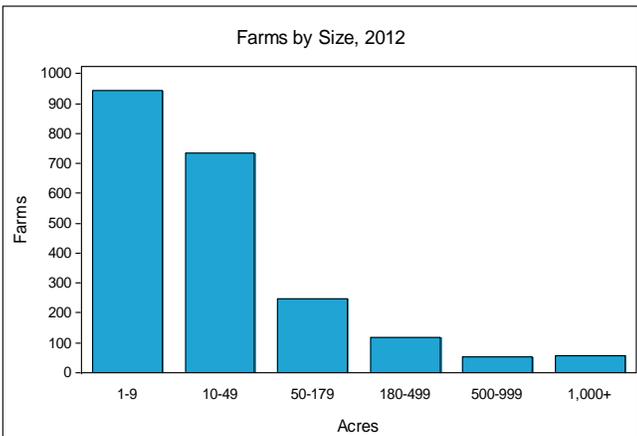
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Ventura County California

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	2,150	2,437	- 12
Land in Farms	281,046 acres	259,055 acres	+ 8
Average Size of Farm	131 acres	106 acres	+ 24
Market Value of Products Sold	\$1,440,132,000	\$1,316,315,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$1,430,264,000 (99 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$9,869,000 (1 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$669,829	\$540,137	+ 24
Government Payments	\$154,000	\$554,000	- 72
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,586	\$11,798	- 70





Ventura 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	1,440,132	11	58	16	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,430,264	6	58	6	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,869	46	58	2,116	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	38	48	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	322,509	6	55	8	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	816,684	8	56	8	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	290,098	2	56	4	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	17	41	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	696	43	58	2,202	3,049
Poultry and eggs	190	30	57	1,236	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,483	48	57	2,193	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	40	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	38	24	55	1,553	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,962	8	56	45	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	26	45	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	3,454	5	58	53	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Vegetables harvested, all	35,714	10	55	22	2,801
Lemons	17,515	1	43	1	99
Avocados	17,053	2	29	2	57
Land in Berries	13,439	2	53	3	2,339
Celery	11,337	1	21	1	177
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Pigeons or squab	(D)	2	31	3	842
Colonies of bees	7,886	23	56	94	2,761
Cattle and calves	5,536	49	57	2,342	3,063
Layers	4,720	23	57	833	3,040
Horses and ponies	3,256	16	58	167	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	200	Farming	1,048
\$1,000 to \$2,499	102	Other	1,102
\$2,500 to \$4,999	184	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	265	Male	1,738
\$10,000 to \$19,999	297	Female	412
\$20,000 to \$24,999	89	Average age of principal operator (years)	62.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	187	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	87	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	209	Asian	225
\$100,000 to \$249,999	191	Black or African American	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	93	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8
\$500,000 or more	246	White	2,971
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,162,843	More than one race	32
Average per farm (\$)	540,857	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	515
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	329,396		
Average per farm (\$)	153,208		

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.