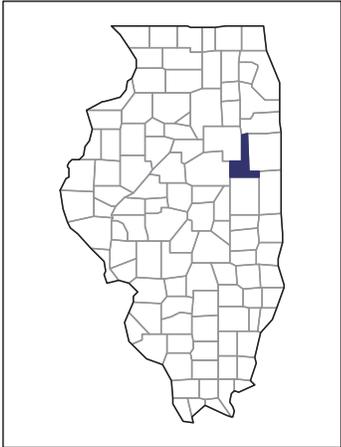


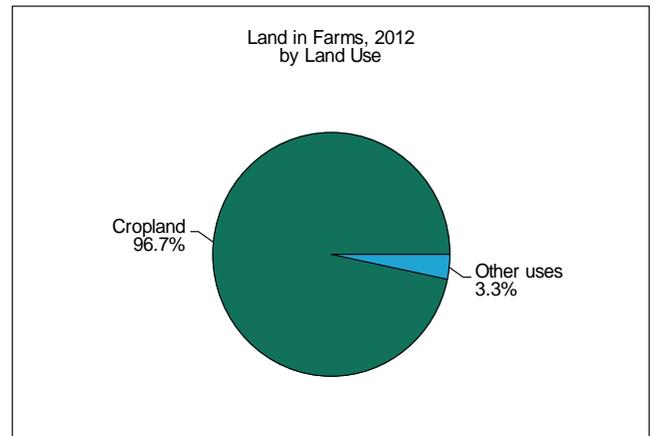
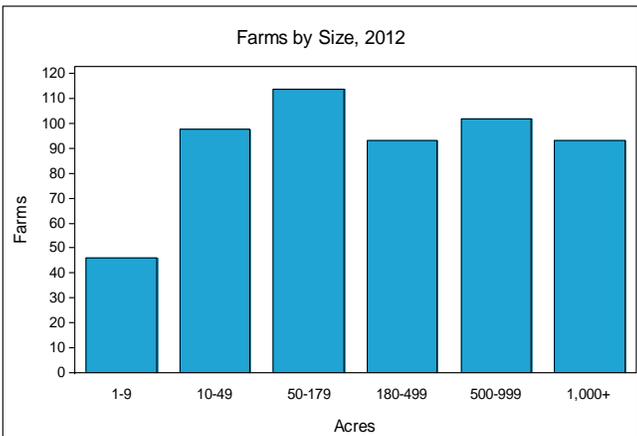
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Ford County Illinois

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	546	524	+ 4
Land in Farms	308,181 acres	270,720 acres	+ 14
Average Size of Farm	564 acres	517 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$191,714,000	\$145,871,000	+ 31
Crop Sales \$158,138,000 (82 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$33,576,000 (18 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$351,125	\$278,379	+ 26
Government Payments	\$5,740,000	\$4,552,000	+ 26
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$12,319	\$9,917	+ 24





Ford County – Illinois

Ranked items among the 102 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	191,714	37	102	571	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	158,138	37	102	356	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,576	32	102	1,205	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	157,580	35	102	244	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	10	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	94	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	89	97	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	67	71	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	408	56	102	2,512	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,330	43	102	1,639	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	82	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	26,532	17	100	213	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	213	13	100	753	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	208	30	101	1,221	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	26	27	1,281	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	17	98	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	159,490	28	102	122	2,638
Soybeans for beans	125,449	17	102	122	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	3,984	38	101	1,079	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	3,984	38	101	1,006	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,105	97	102	2,854	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	128,522	9	98	135	2,889
Cattle and calves	3,032	84	102	2,605	3,063
Goats, all	986	2	102	566	2,996
Layers	975	51	102	1,888	3,040
Sheep and lambs	685	22	100	1,181	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	91	Farming	292
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18	Other	254
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Male	510
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	36
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	93	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	103	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	153,454	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	281,051	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
		White	761
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	68,446	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	125,359	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10

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.