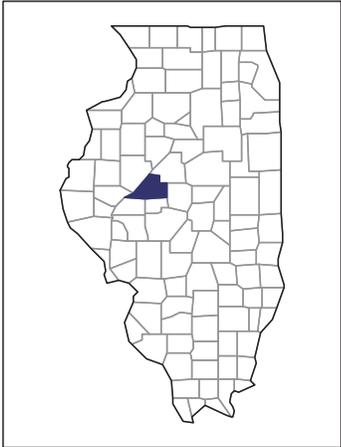


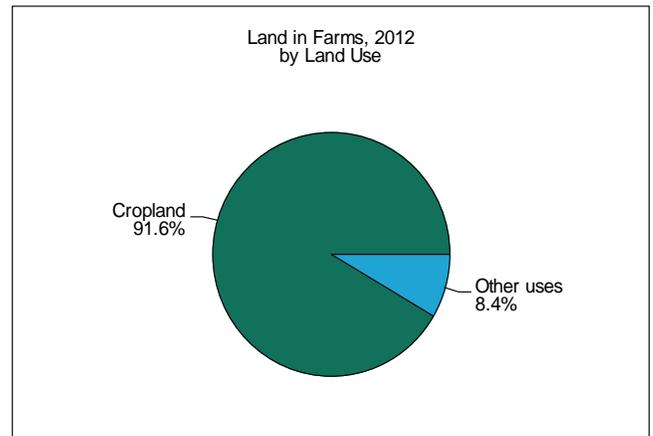
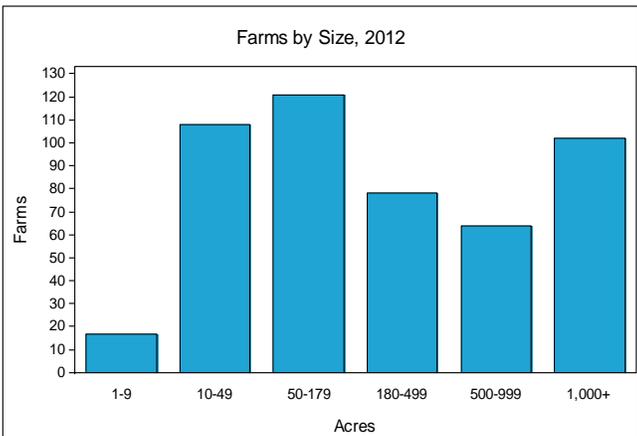
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mason County Illinois

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	490	447	+ 10
Land in Farms	289,841 acres	273,362 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	592 acres	612 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$201,167,000	\$121,608,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$178,395,000 (89 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$22,771,000 (11 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$410,544	\$272,053	+ 51
Government Payments	\$5,881,000	\$4,605,000	+ 28
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,275	\$12,056	+ 18





Mason 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	201,167	35	102	533	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	178,395	29	102	284	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,771	49	102	1,524	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	164,107	33	102	226	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	10	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	12,645	2	94	178	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,186	31	95	1,000	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	71	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	102	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	7	82	102	2,515	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	67	102	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	82	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	19,305	30	100	279	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	26	74	100	2,315	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	97	101	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	2	27	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	4	83	98	2,542	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	138,133	34	102	171	2,638
Soybeans for beans	76,165	59	102	405	2,162
Popcorn	18,552	1	27	1	286
Vegetables harvested, all	10,013	1	94	88	2,801
Beans, snap	3,907	1	77	12	2,341
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	34,548	44	98	369	2,889
Cattle and calves	3,878	74	102	2,506	3,063
Layers	503	75	102	2,369	3,040
Goats, all	252	56	102	1,972	2,996
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	(D)	88	(D)	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	136	Farming	286
\$1,000 to \$2,499	11	Other	204
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Male	468
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	22
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	57	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	114	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	150,487	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	307,117	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	653
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	70,627	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	144,137	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2

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.