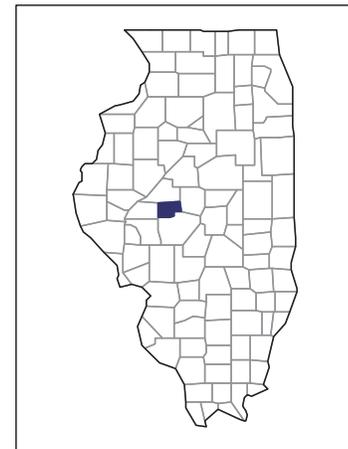


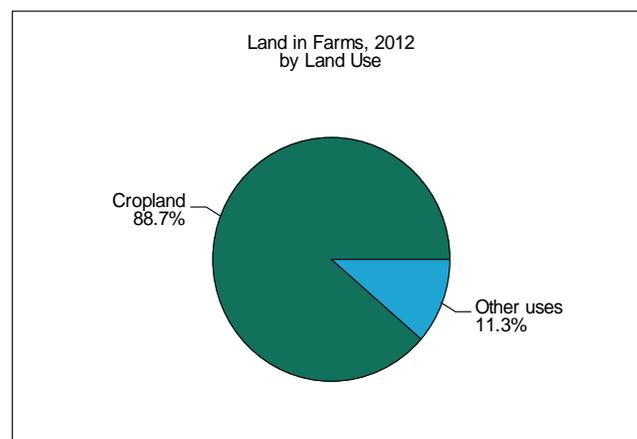
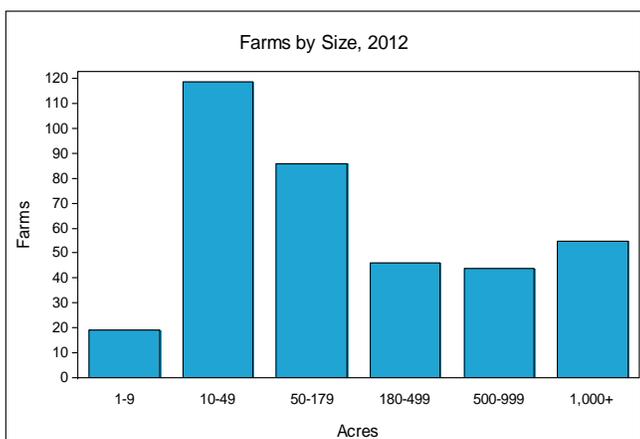
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Menard County Illinois

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	369	411	- 10
<b>Land in Farms</b>	157,755 acres	168,594 acres	- 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	428 acres	410 acres	+ 4
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$84,552,000	\$80,744,000	+ 5
Crop Sales \$79,746,000 (94 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,806,000 (6 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$229,138	\$196,457	+ 17
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,978,000	\$3,017,000	- 1
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$10,375	\$9,489	+ 9





## Menard County – Illinois

### Ranked items among the 102 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	84,552	73	102	1,323	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	79,746	69	102	804	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,806	86	102	2,485	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	79,184	65	102	600	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	10	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	271	45	94	1,354	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	87	97	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	64	71	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	190	90	102	2,784	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	39	102	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,546	64	102	2,178	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	82	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2,069	75	100	743	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	86	100	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	48	70	101	2,296	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	27	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	21	51	98	1,898	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	72,766	72	102	442	2,638
Soybeans for beans	54,473	73	102	562	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,082	85	102	2,687	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	1,568	68	101	1,466	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,568	68	101	1,398	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,676	78	102	2,529	3,063
Hogs and pigs	3,281	81	98	834	2,889
Chukars	(D)	2	12	43	338
Pheasants	(D)	10	30	(D)	963
Layers	616	67	102	2,224	3,040

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	118	Farming	210
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	159
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Male	342
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	59	White	520
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	66,837	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	181,129	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	32,583		
Average per farm (\$)	88,301		

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.