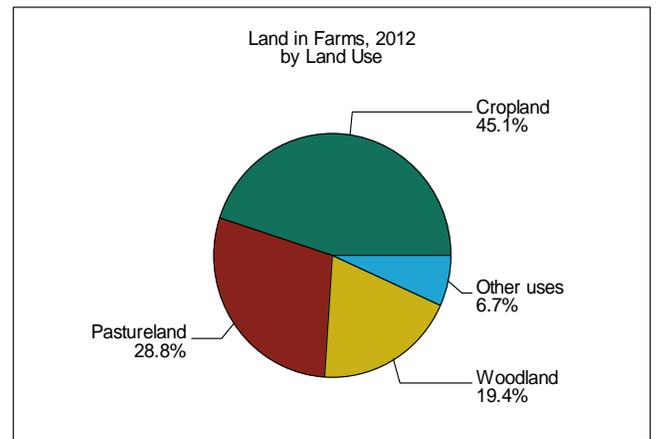
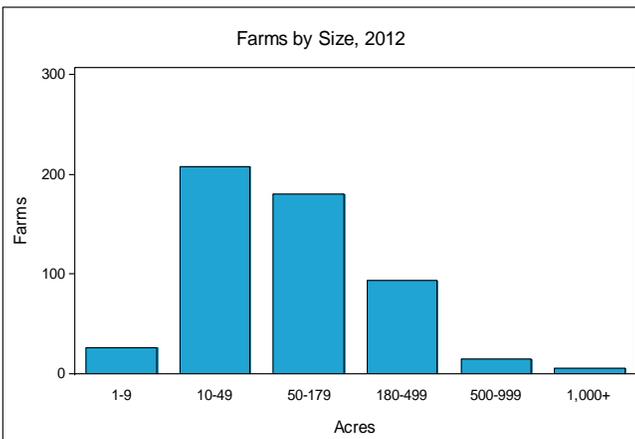


Spencer County Kentucky

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	529	596	- 11
Land in Farms	69,125 acres	73,289 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	131 acres	123 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$15,614,000	\$11,539,000	+ 35
Crop Sales \$10,308,000 (66 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$5,306,000 (34 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$29,517	\$19,361	+ 52
Government Payments	\$487,000	\$494,000	- 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,156	\$2,010	+ 7





Spencer County – Kentucky

Ranked items among the 120 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	15,614	70	120	2,492	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,308	59	120	2,080	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,306	76	120	2,453	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,718	50	117	1,702	2,926
Tobacco	2,323	50	104	132	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	219	40	117	1,479	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	48	46	115	1,805	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,226	15	110	982	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	775	71	120	2,117	3,049
Poultry and eggs	27	67	120	1,895	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,620	63	120	1,873	3,056
Milk from cows	450	50	84	1,512	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	113	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	69	41	117	1,674	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	137	69	118	1,566	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	35	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	118	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,196	56	120	1,175	3,057
Soybeans for beans	6,910	47	102	1,204	2,162
Corn for grain	3,755	54	117	1,511	2,638
Tobacco	558	50	104	131	437
Wheat for grain, all	266	66	93	2,044	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,273	54	120	1,648	3,063
Layers	1,354	66	120	1,621	3,040
Horses and ponies	759	69	120	1,567	3,072
Goats, all	401	58	120	1,491	2,996
Sheep and lambs	366	51	109	1,682	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	158	Farming	217
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52	Other	312
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	88	Male	472
\$10,000 to \$19,999	66	Female	57
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	5	White	824
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,368	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	29,051	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,864		
Average per farm (\$)	3,524		

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.