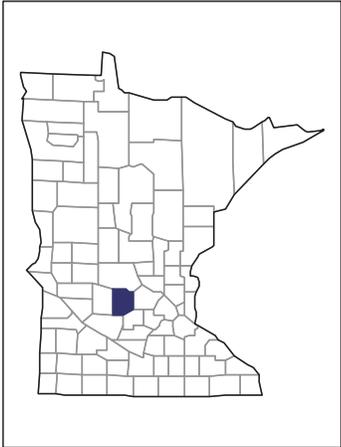


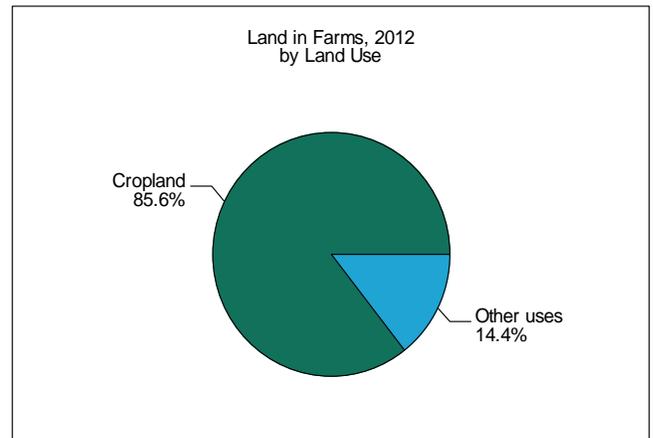
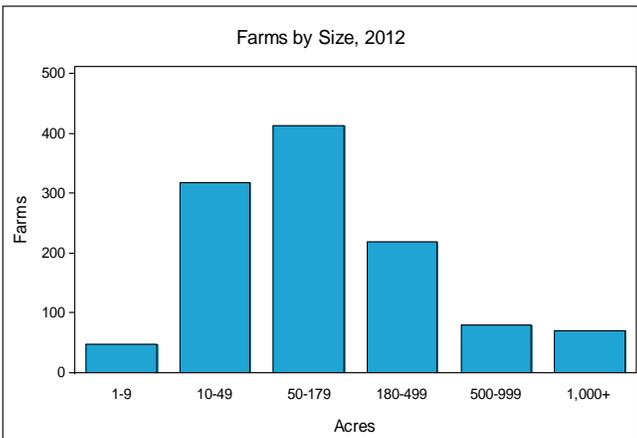
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Meeker County Minnesota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,147	1,146	0
Land in Farms	303,795 acres	321,781 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	265 acres	281 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$291,736,000	\$204,037,000	+ 43
Crop Sales \$172,231,000 (59 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$119,505,000 (41 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$254,347	\$178,043	+ 43
Government Payments	\$6,376,000	\$5,707,000	+ 12
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,148	\$6,391	+ 12





Meeker County – Minnesota

Ranked items among the 87 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	291,736	35	87	294	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	172,231	42	87	305	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	119,505	27	87	365	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	166,290	39	85	219	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,955	40	87	620	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	222	55	79	1,732	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	9	50	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,598	34	87	823	3,049
Poultry and eggs	60,766	6	87	210	3,013
Cattle and calves	18,814	29	86	849	3,056
Milk from cows	34,524	16	83	219	2,038
Hogs and pigs	4,820	50	86	567	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	175	42	87	898	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	157	34	85	1,465	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	17	43	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	73	86	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	122,718	29	85	203	2,638
Soybeans for beans	85,887	38	85	317	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,910	36	87	1,316	3,057
Corn for silage	5,538	19	84	339	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	2,585	34	85	1,248	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	6	76	(D)	2,416
Layers	(D)	6	86	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	6	78	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	35,218	19	87	807	3,063
Hogs and pigs	14,522	48	85	545	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	376	Farming	567
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	580
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Male	1,048
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	99
\$25,000 to \$39,999	45		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	40	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	133		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	130	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	86	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	118	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	222,717	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	194,174	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	1,656
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	90,248	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	78,681	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4

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.