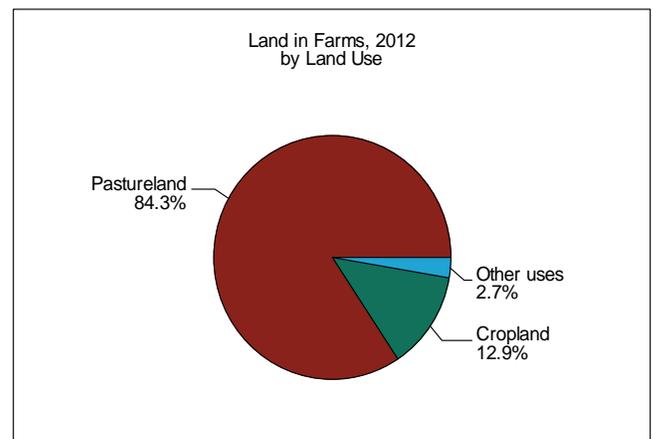
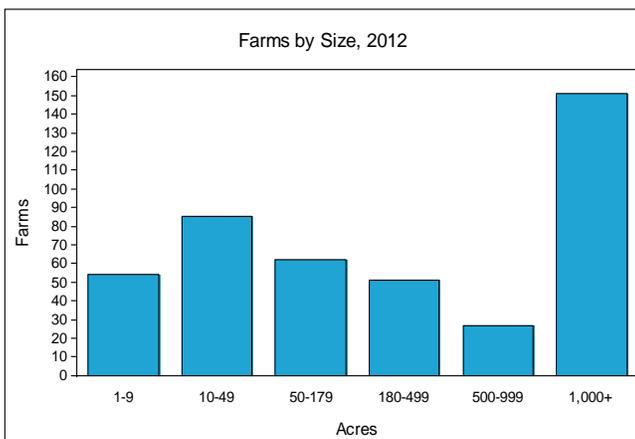


Beaverhead County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	430	431	0
Land in Farms	1,380,888 acres	1,239,068 acres	+ 11
Average Size of Farm	3,211 acres	2,875 acres	+ 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$142,876,000	\$86,126,000	+ 66
Crop Sales \$31,189,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$111,687,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$332,270	\$199,829	+ 66
Government Payments	\$368,000	\$318,000	+ 16
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,657	\$5,300	+ 7





Beaverhead County – Montana

Ranked items among the 56 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	142,876	6	56	832	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,189	22	56	1,453	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	111,687	2	56	396	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,088	36	55	1,597	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,718	4	39	521	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	20	23	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	28	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	20,358	2	56	151	3,049
Poultry and eggs	4	44	55	2,708	3,013
Cattle and calves	109,035	2	56	114	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	33	24	54	1,588	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	1,600	7	54	103	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	362	19	56	766	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	654	12	53	350	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	115,701	2	56	16	3,057
Barley for grain	7,404	21	55	104	1,158
Wheat for grain, all	7,254	44	54	816	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	7,254	39	53	176	633
Vegetables harvested, all	899	4	39	501	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	153,655	1	56	60	3,063
Sheep and lambs	16,191	5	55	62	2,897
Colonies of bees	(D)	3	45	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	2,366	15	56	359	3,072
Bison	(D)	5	31	(D)	1,126

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	80	Farming	243
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	187
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Male	378
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Female	52
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	44	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	62	White	743
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	110,525	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	257,034	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	36,858		
Average per farm (\$)	85,717		

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.