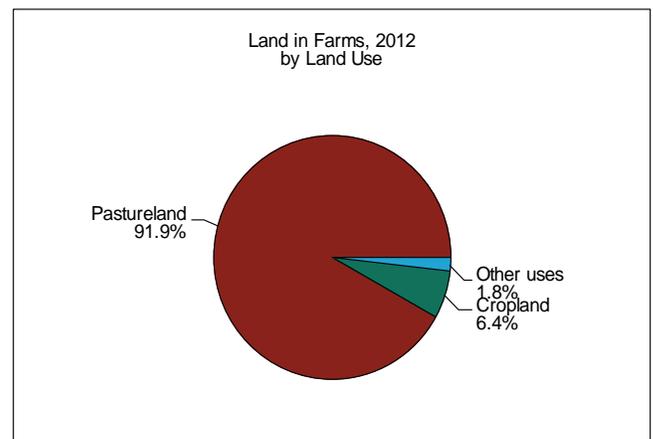
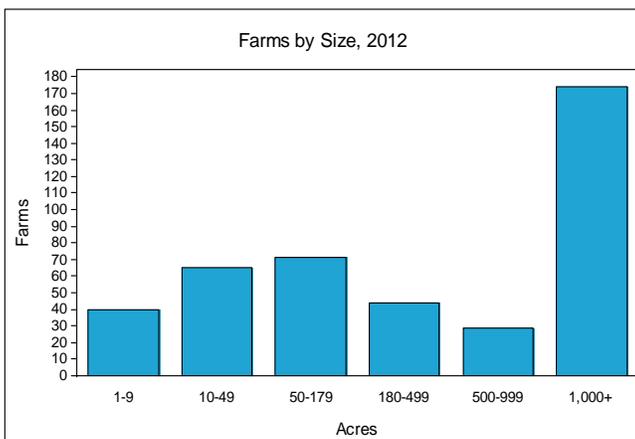


Custer County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	423	411	+ 3
Land in Farms	2,189,930 acres	2,127,013 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	5,177 acres	5,175 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$109,201,000	\$73,205,000	+ 49
Crop Sales \$21,165,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$88,036,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$258,157	\$178,113	+ 45
Government Payments	\$1,847,000	\$1,500,000	+ 23
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,738	\$8,477	+ 27





Custer 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	109,201	14	56	1,081	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,165	32	56	1,672	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	88,036	3	56	537	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,810	28	55	1,418	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	235	12	39	1,438	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	7	23	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	33	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	8,075	18	56	362	3,049
Poultry and eggs	3	45	55	2,724	3,013
Cattle and calves	86,736	3	56	156	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	47	54	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	438	21	54	378	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	318	21	56	864	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	15	16	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	528	17	53	405	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	44,059	20	56	292	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	20,536	34	54	456	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	12,307	34	49	528	2,480
Spring wheat for grain	8,229	35	53	169	633
Corn for silage	5,288	2	37	350	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	111,868	3	56	99	3,063
Sheep and lambs	5,001	15	55	179	2,897
Colonies of bees	(D)	12	45	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	1,683	24	56	622	3,072
Layers	586	33	56	2,263	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	91	Farming	254
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	169
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	367
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	56
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	65	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	35	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	95,454	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	225,660	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	675
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,870	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	44,610	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8

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.