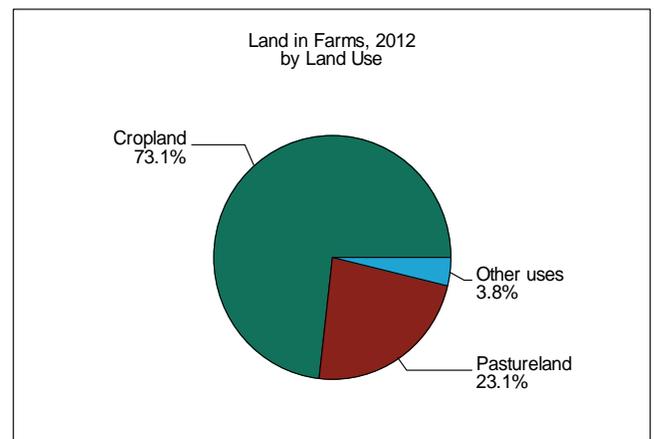
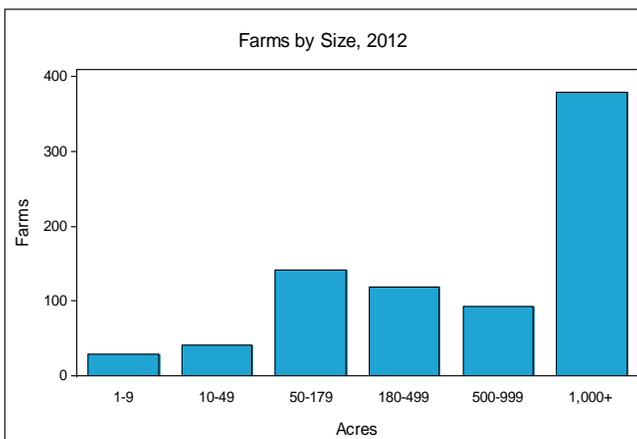


Hill County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	802	854	- 6
Land in Farms	1,597,982 acres	1,697,232 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	1,992 acres	1,987 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$163,970,000	\$86,633,000	+ 89
Crop Sales \$138,597,000 (85 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$25,374,000 (15 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$204,452	\$101,444	+ 102
Government Payments	\$17,713,000	\$18,178,000	- 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$29,671	\$29,559	0





Hill 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	163,970	3	56	717	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	138,597	2	56	437	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,374	32	56	1,437	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	134,495	2	55	317	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	22	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	21	23	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	14	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,795	42	56	780	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	13	55	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	20,848	34	56	780	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	20	27	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	7	54	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	48	49	54	1,949	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	307	22	56	893	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	16	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	84	38	53	1,196	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	460,167	2	54	2	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	228,697	2	49	10	2,480
Spring wheat for grain	222,987	4	53	9	633
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	32,124	33	56	545	3,057
Barley for grain	17,376	11	55	49	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	23,768	43	56	1,184	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	9	52	(D)	2,889
Layers	(D)	15	56	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	14	48	(D)	2,637
Horses and ponies	1,297	28	56	867	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	267	Farming	430
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30	Other	372
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Male	697
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26	Female	105
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	96
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	83	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	116	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	103	White	1,061
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	127,380	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	158,827	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	62,452		
Average per farm (\$)	77,870		

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.