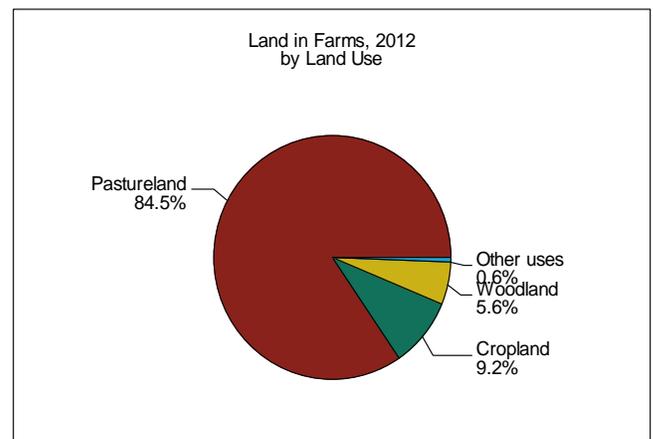
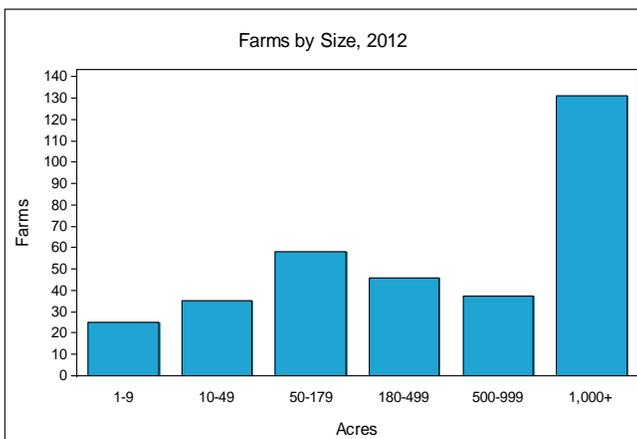


Sweet Grass County Montana

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	332	355	- 6
Land in Farms	855,709 acres	812,759 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	2,577 acres	2,289 acres	+ 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$33,496,000	\$21,715,000	+ 54
Crop Sales \$4,276,000 (13 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$29,221,000 (87 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$100,893	\$61,169	+ 65
Government Payments	\$689,000	\$561,000	+ 23
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,305	\$6,754	+ 23





Sweet Grass 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	33,496	44	56	2,069	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,276	50	56	2,484	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,221	27	56	1,317	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	49	55	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	39	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	23	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	35	42	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	11	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,797	41	56	778	3,049
Poultry and eggs	55	17	55	1,599	3,013
Cattle and calves	27,820	23	56	579	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	27	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	22	54	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	783	13	54	209	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	279	24	56	965	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	16	16	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,363	39	56	692	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	4,319	46	54	1,047	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	2,825	46	53	235	633
Winter wheat for grain	1,494	45	49	1,417	2,480
Barley for grain	771	45	55	297	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	37,962	30	56	742	3,063
Sheep and lambs	4,523	17	55	200	2,897
Colonies of bees	(D)	9	45	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	1,763	22	56	571	3,072
Layers	757	30	56	2,085	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	96	Farming	179
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	153
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	Male	292
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Female	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	White	550
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	39,764	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	119,770	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,608		
Average per farm (\$)	-10,868		

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.