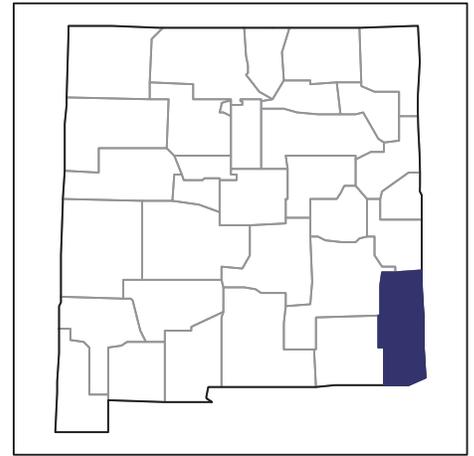


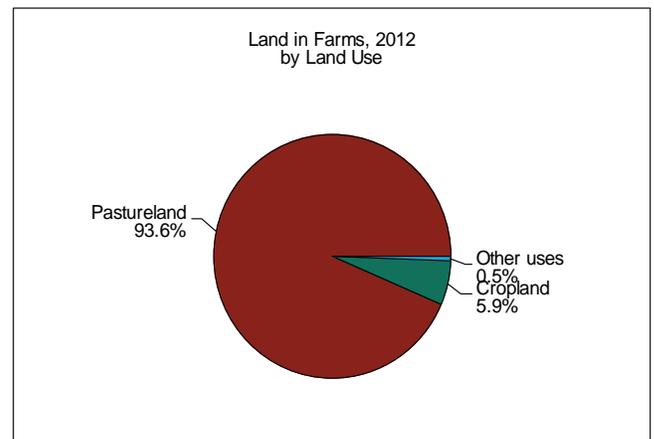
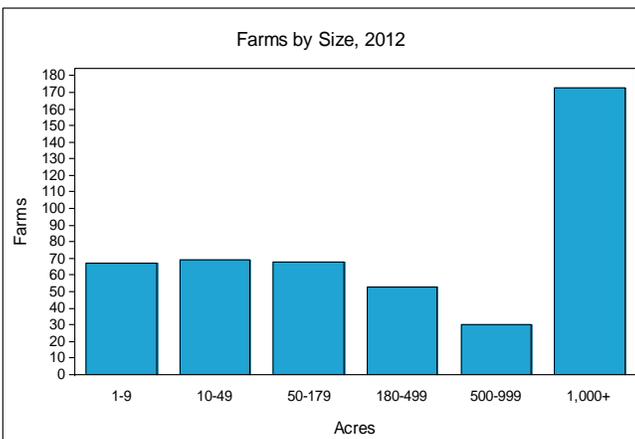
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Lea County New Mexico

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	460	572	- 20
Land in Farms	1,981,988 acres	2,365,168 acres	- 16
Average Size of Farm	4,309 acres	4,135 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$188,926,000	\$93,644,000	+ 102
Crop Sales \$40,738,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$148,188,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$410,708	\$163,713	+ 151
Government Payments	\$5,045,000	\$3,237,000	+ 56
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$28,995	\$20,884	+ 39





Lea County – New Mexico

Ranked items among the 33 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	188,926	5	33	582	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,738	5	33	1,280	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	148,188	5	33	274	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	7	28	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	14,805	1	9	120	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	4	29	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	793	8	30	548	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	411	11	30	1,444	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	2	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	9,812	7	33	295	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	30,468	7	32	519	3,056
Milk from cows	115,888	5	19	61	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	119	14	32	1,212	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	948	7	32	269	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	12	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	757	5	31	316	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	19,589	1	9	143	635
Upland cotton	19,589	1	9	140	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,892	9	33	1,142	3,057
Corn for silage	9,738	3	17	182	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	3,282	6	20	1,163	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	84,950	4	32	172	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,952	8	33	477	3,072
Sheep and lambs	1,475	12	32	618	2,897
Rabbits, live	437	1	20	116	2,157
Layers	407	21	32	2,487	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	172	Farming	255
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	205
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	427
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	49	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	172,347	Black or African American	1
Average per farm (\$)	374,667	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	702
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23,715	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	51,555	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	67

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.