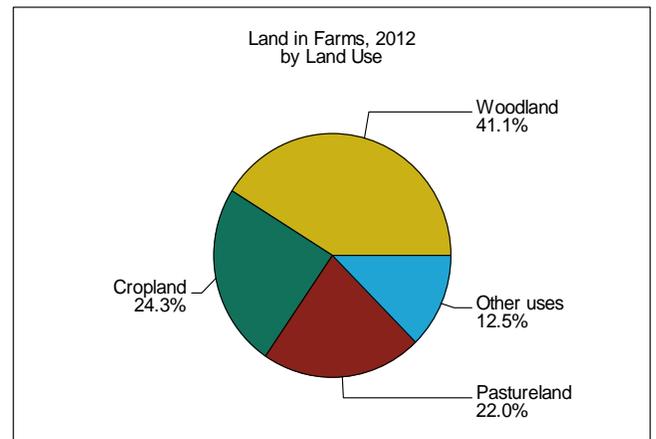
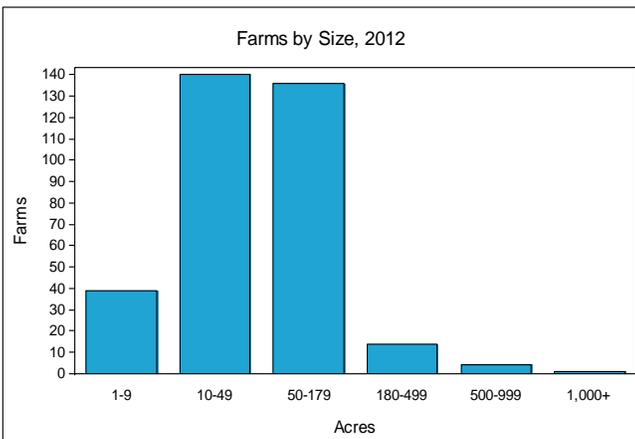


**McDowell County
 North Carolina**

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	334	383	- 13
Land in Farms	24,903 acres	22,968 acres	+ 8
Average Size of Farm	75 acres	60 acres	+ 25
Market Value of Products Sold	\$25,181,000	\$24,401,000	+ 3
Crop Sales \$17,205,000 (68 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,976,000 (32 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$75,392	\$63,710	+ 18
Government Payments	\$110,000	\$56,000	+ 96
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,483	\$3,323	+ 95





McDowell County – North Carolina

Ranked items among the 100 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	25,181	77	100	2,243	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,205	63	100	1,796	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,976	72	100	2,247	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	370	90	100	2,468	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	74	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	127	93	99	1,735	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	168	55	98	1,163	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,185	8	97	186	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	44	18	50	506	1,530
Other crops and hay	311	80	97	2,620	3,049
Poultry and eggs	6,691	60	99	687	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	63	99	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	32	52	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	17	69	91	1,873	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	21	71	98	2,418	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	151	48	93	1,494	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	37	58	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,687	61	98	2,582	3,057
Nursery stock crops	1,356	4	91	63	2,077
Corn for grain	431	81	100	2,111	2,638
Soybeans for beans	152	86	92	1,963	2,162
Apples	50	9	78	445	2,167
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	301,392	49	93	445	2,723
Layers	69,635	28	100	436	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	32	83	403	2,637
Roosters	8,201	24	69	219	2,120
Cattle and calves	2,437	60	100	2,678	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	135	Farming	154
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	180
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	51	Male	289
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26	Female	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5	Asian	14
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	White	458
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	24,432	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	73,150	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,513		
Average per farm (\$)	4,530		

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.