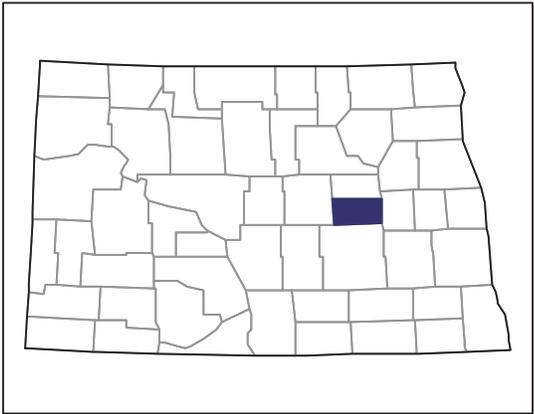


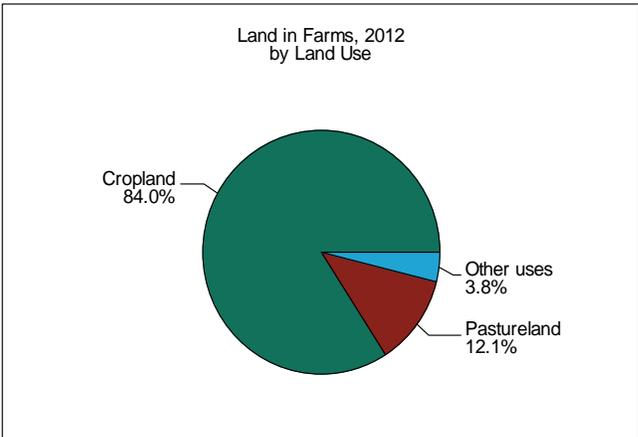
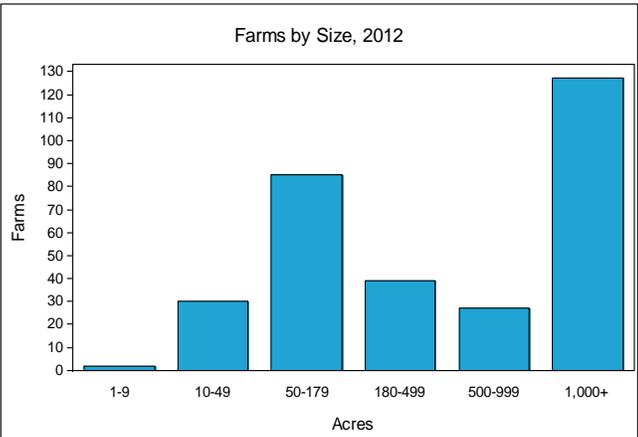
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Foster County North Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	310	310	0
<b>Land in Farms</b>	373,970 acres	399,912 acres	- 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,206 acres	1,290 acres	- 7
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$169,410,000	\$94,959,000	+ 78
Crop Sales \$136,197,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$33,213,000 (20 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$546,484	\$306,319	+ 78
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$4,700,000	\$4,604,000	+ 2
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$19,343	\$18,199	+ 6





## Foster County – North Dakota

### Ranked items among the 53 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	169,410	28	53	685	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	136,197	28	53	448	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	33,213	14	53	1,218	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	133,512	27	53	322	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	17	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	27	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	25	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	6	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	43	53	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	23	14	53	1,986	3,013
Cattle and calves	24,594	16	53	665	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	4	35	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	11	44	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	162	17	49	958	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	17	50	52	2,714	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	3	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	5	51	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	128,408	14	49	108	2,162
Corn for grain	55,901	18	53	574	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	48,888	46	53	264	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	46,180	42	53	78	633
Barley for grain	25,991	15	53	34	1,158
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	27,317	27	53	1,046	3,063
Colonies of bees	17,500	6	44	31	2,761
Hogs and pigs	(D)	11	44	(D)	2,889
Sheep and lambs	952	22	50	929	2,897
Horses and ponies	489	32	53	2,070	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	81	Farming	189
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	121
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4	Male	292
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Female	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	35	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	97	White	424
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	108,537	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	350,119	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	71,278		
Average per farm (\$)	229,929		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.