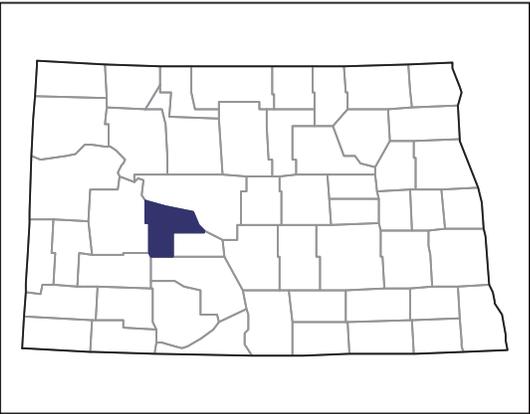


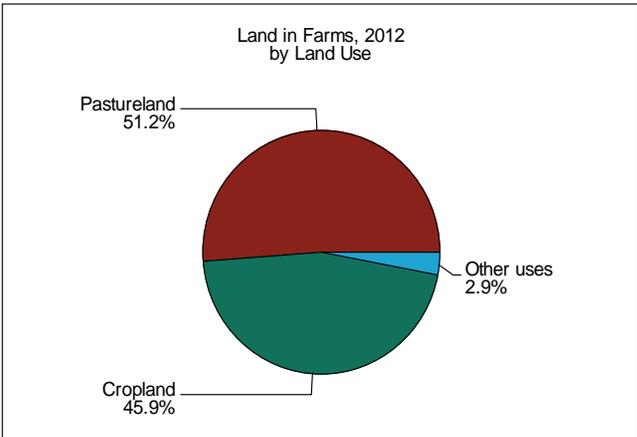
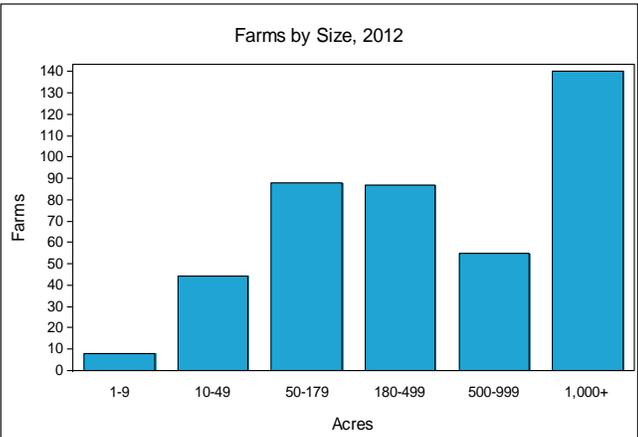
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mercer County North Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	422	455	- 7
Land in Farms	503,164 acres	509,552 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	1,192 acres	1,120 acres	+ 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$76,705,000	\$40,068,000	+ 91
Crop Sales \$56,262,000 (73 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$20,444,000 (27 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$181,766	\$88,061	+ 106
Government Payments	\$2,572,000	\$2,609,000	- 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,603	\$7,606	+ 13





Mercer County – North Dakota

Ranked items among the 53 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	76,705	49	53	1,412	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	56,262	48	53	1,076	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,444	25	53	1,599	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51,131	48	53	823	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	26	39	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	27	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	8	25	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	6	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	26	53	595	3,049
Poultry and eggs	3	37	53	2,752	3,013
Cattle and calves	19,601	20	53	814	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	31	35	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	23	26	44	1,747	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	135	20	49	1,118	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	508	8	52	548	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	3	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	45	51	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Wheat for grain, all	73,877	39	53	198	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	57,609	40	53	67	633
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	52,683	15	53	184	3,057
Sunflower seed, all	21,082	13	53	24	565
Sunflower seed, oil	21,082	13	52	22	489
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	39,029	20	53	714	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,275	11	53	896	3,072
Sheep and lambs	795	25	50	1,067	2,897
Goats, all	(D)	4	48	(D)	2,996
Layers	248	31	52	2,690	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	85	Farming	229
\$1,000 to \$2,499	10	Other	193
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Male	389
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Female	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	36	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	42	White	604
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,692	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	136,711	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,972		
Average per farm (\$)	59,175		

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.