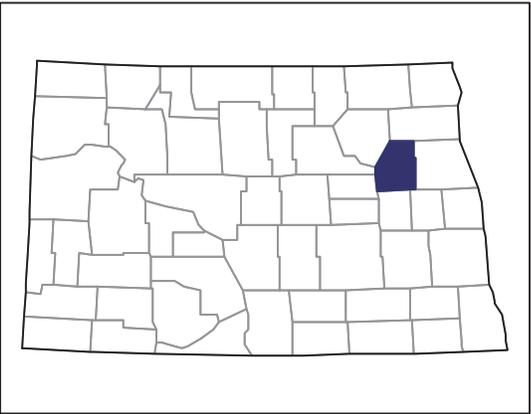


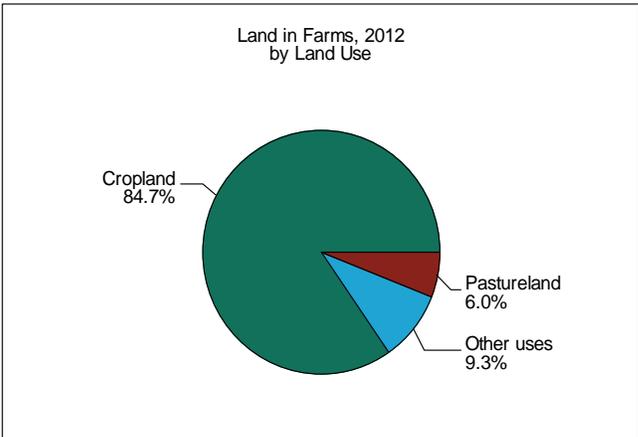
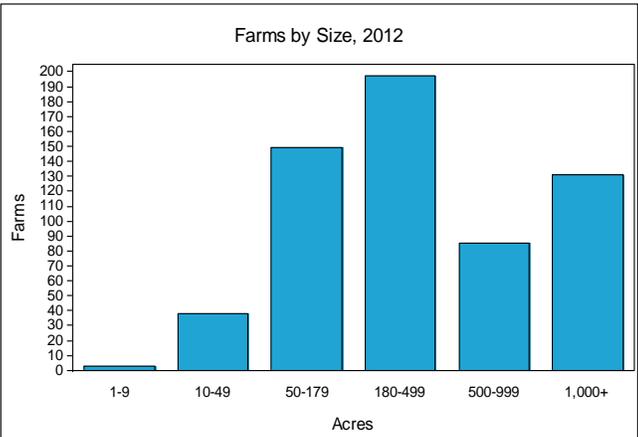
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Nelson County North Dakota

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	603	651	- 7
Land in Farms	560,478 acres	550,121 acres	+ 2
Average Size of Farm	929 acres	845 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$145,760,000	\$85,369,000	+ 71
Crop Sales \$136,013,000 (93 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$9,747,000 (7 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$241,725	\$131,135	+ 84
Government Payments	\$9,207,000	\$7,997,000	+ 15
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,985	\$13,531	+ 18





Nelson 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	145,760	35	53	812	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	136,013	29	53	450	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,747	42	53	2,125	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	134,384	26	53	318	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	39	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	27	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	4	25	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	6	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	47	53	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	9	53	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,999	47	53	1,818	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	7	35	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	14	44	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	158	18	49	979	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	48	40	52	2,292	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	3	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	312	36	51	570	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	117,119	17	49	146	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	110,368	30	53	130	2,537
Spring wheat for grain	98,388	28	53	45	633
Corn for grain	31,251	31	53	786	2,638
Canola	22,095	15	45	15	232
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,343	46	53	2,074	3,063
Colonies of bees	2,925	32	44	240	2,761
Sheep and lambs	824	24	50	1,049	2,897
Hogs and pigs	(D)	13	44	(D)	2,889
Horses and ponies	215	50	53	2,732	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	350	Farming	220
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	383
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	Male	524
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
\$500,000 or more	97	White	778
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	94,874	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	157,337	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	67,215		
Average per farm (\$)	111,468		

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.