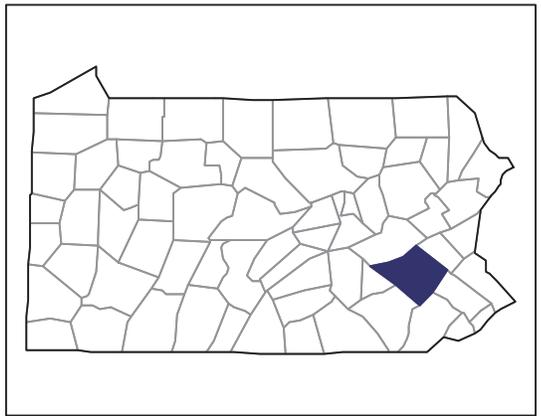


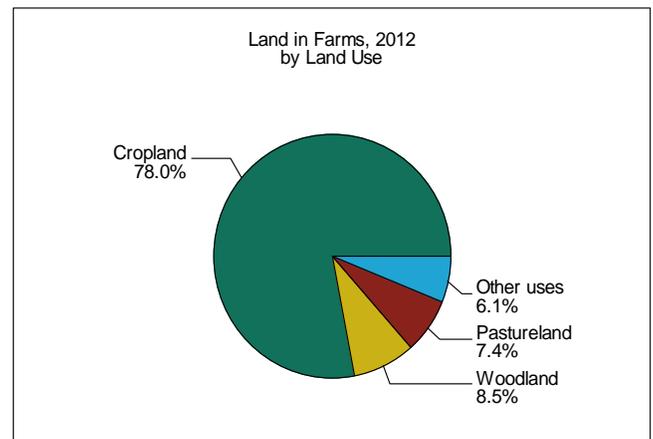
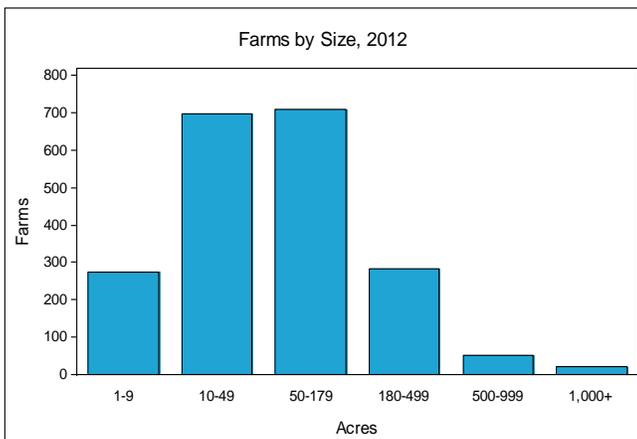
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Berks County Pennsylvania

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,039	1,980	+ 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	233,744 acres	222,119 acres	+ 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	115 acres	112 acres	+ 3
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$528,711,000	\$367,840,000	+ 44
Crop Sales \$224,986,000 (43 percent) Livestock Sales \$303,725,000 (57 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$259,299	\$185,778	+ 40
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,646,000	\$3,280,000	+ 11
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$6,319	\$5,016	+ 26





## Berks County – Pennsylvania

### Ranked items among the 67 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	528,711	3	67	98	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	224,986	3	67	181	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	303,725	3	67	89	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	67,085	3	66	678	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	12	22	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,663	11	66	440	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,768	7	66	181	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	137,868	2	66	14	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	13	64	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	10,180	5	66	288	3,049
Poultry and eggs	142,642	2	67	69	3,013
Cattle and calves	40,345	3	67	372	3,056
Milk from cows	96,561	4	64	78	2,038
Hogs and pigs	20,686	6	65	263	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	851	4	66	191	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,028	7	67	243	3,011
Aquaculture	79	29	54	693	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,532	5	67	164	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	52,813	3	66	595	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	49,733	9	67	220	3,057
Soybeans for beans	31,936	3	66	767	2,162
Corn for silage	21,530	3	64	53	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	10,880	3	62	651	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	2,683,591	2	66	31	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,774,488	5	66	224	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	549,410	3	63	47	2,637
Ducks	167,131	2	65	7	2,480
Cattle and calves	79,323	3	67	192	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	394	Farming	1,252
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	787
\$2,500 to \$4,999	163	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	200	Male	1,722
\$10,000 to \$19,999	157	Female	317
\$20,000 to \$24,999	50	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	148	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	55	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	166	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	220	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	217	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	179	White	3,166
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	415,102	More than one race	16
Average per farm (\$)	203,581	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	17
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	130,969		
Average per farm (\$)	64,232		

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.