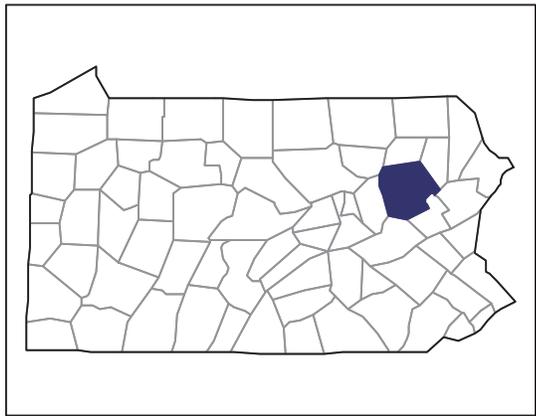


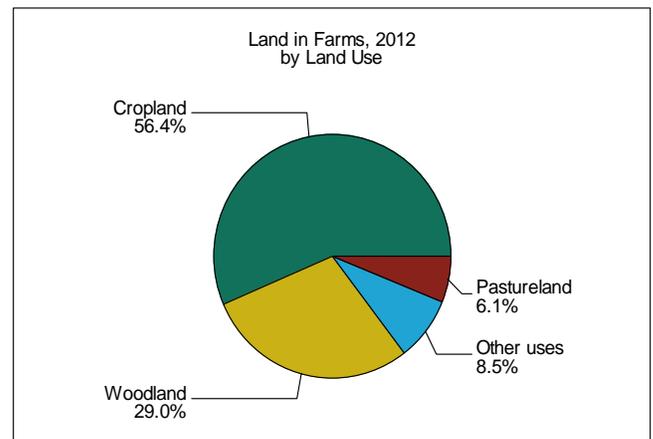
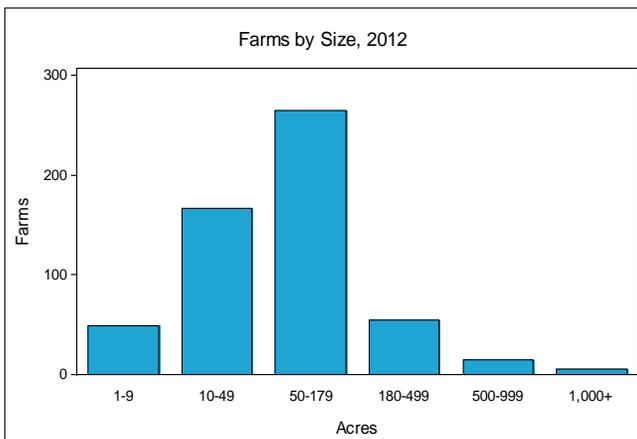
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Luzerne County Pennsylvania

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	556	610	- 9
<b>Land in Farms</b>	60,930 acres	66,577 acres	- 8
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	110 acres	109 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$20,993,000	\$18,151,000	+ 16
Crop Sales \$17,259,000 (82 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,734,000 (18 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$37,757	\$29,756	+ 27
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$970,000	\$991,000	- 2
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,218	\$3,950	+ 7





## Luzerne 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	20,993	49	67	2,352	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,259	40	67	1,793	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,734	57	67	2,579	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,763	39	66	1,563	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	22	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,976	16	66	497	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,017	17	66	482	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,641	28	66	655	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	189	24	64	171	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,673	48	66	1,496	3,049
Poultry and eggs	116	44	67	1,361	3,013
Cattle and calves	723	57	67	2,700	3,056
Milk from cows	2,690	54	64	926	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	48	55	66	1,940	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	113	42	67	1,720	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	10,295	37	66	1,186	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,240	55	67	1,813	3,057
Soybeans for beans	3,247	39	66	1,392	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	1,307	30	62	1,542	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,307	30	62	1,477	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	4,732	33	66	828	3,040
Cattle and calves	3,149	56	67	2,595	3,063
Quail	1,835	11	41	211	944
Pheasants	(D)	16	47	(D)	963
Chukars	(D)	11	30	(D)	338

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	198	Farming	235
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	321
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	87	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Male	454
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	102
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,971	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	35,918	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	794
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,044	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	5,474	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	12

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.