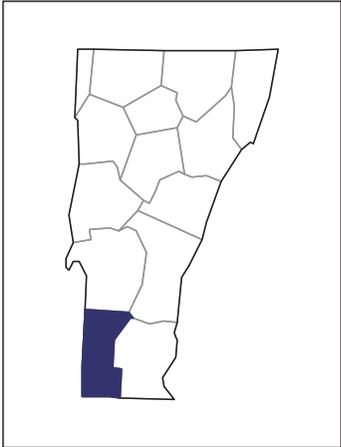


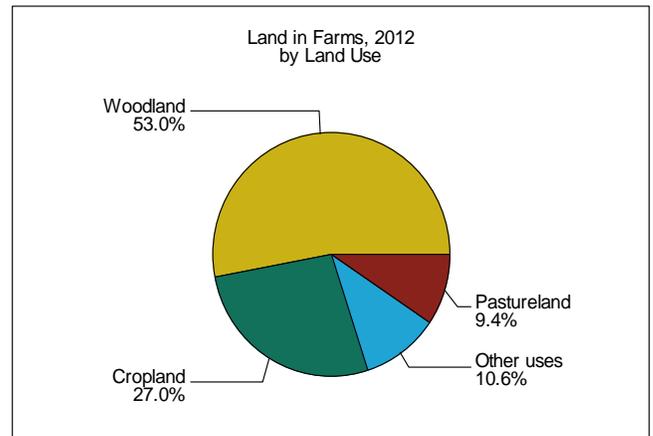
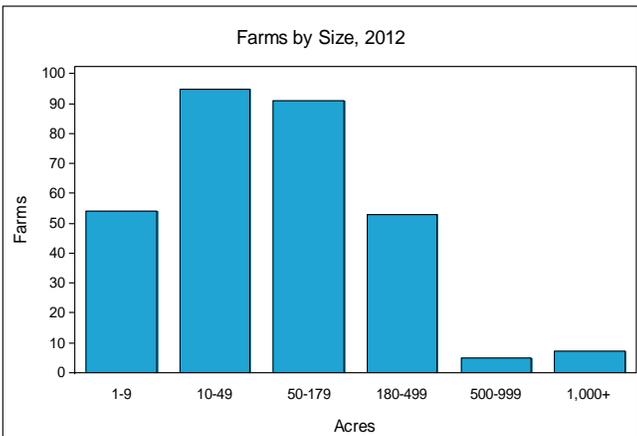
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Bennington County Vermont

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	305	226	+ 35
<b>Land in Farms</b>	41,387 acres	36,580 acres	+ 13
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	136 acres	162 acres	- 16
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$15,073,000	\$10,518,000	+ 43
Crop Sales \$7,903,000 (52 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,170,000 (48 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$49,421	\$46,542	+ 6
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$261,000	\$63,000	+ 314
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,152	\$3,335	+ 144





## Bennington County – Vermont

### Ranked items among the 14 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	15,073	13	14	2,508	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,903	9	14	2,210	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,170	14	14	2,303	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	415	12	14	2,439	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,043	9	14	821	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	1	14	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,183	9	14	1,001	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	13	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,636	14	14	1,521	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	12	14	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	726	14	14	2,699	3,056
Milk from cows	5,259	14	14	699	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	12	14	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	194	9	14	827	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	435	6	13	648	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	3	8	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	50	11	13	1,425	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,364	13	14	1,911	3,057
Corn for silage	1,431	12	14	945	2,237
Apples	409	1	14	92	2,167
Cut Christmas trees	250	5	13	219	1,557
Corn for grain	155	10	14	2,298	2,638
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,526	14	14	2,549	3,063
Layers	2,225	12	14	1,213	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,103	5	14	1,073	3,072
Rabbits, live	808	4	13	58	2,157
Sheep and lambs	340	12	14	1,739	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	101	Farming	142
\$1,000 to \$2,499	17	Other	163
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	Male	211
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Female	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	White	471
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,523	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	54,175	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	842		
Average per farm (\$)	2,761		

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.