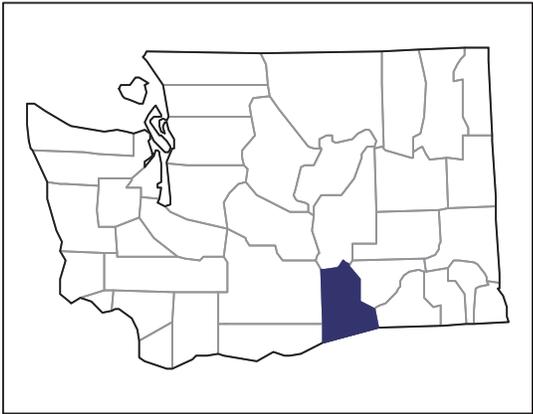


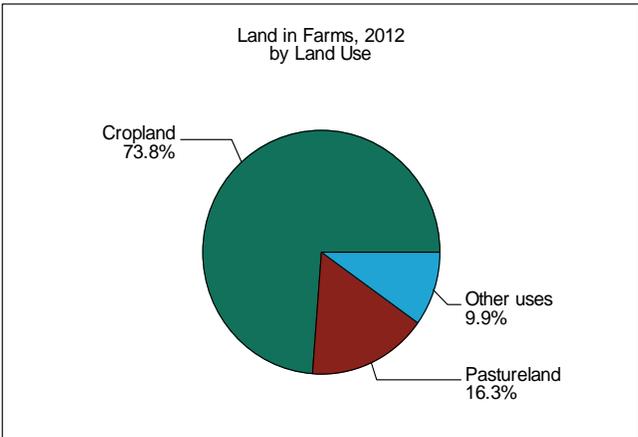
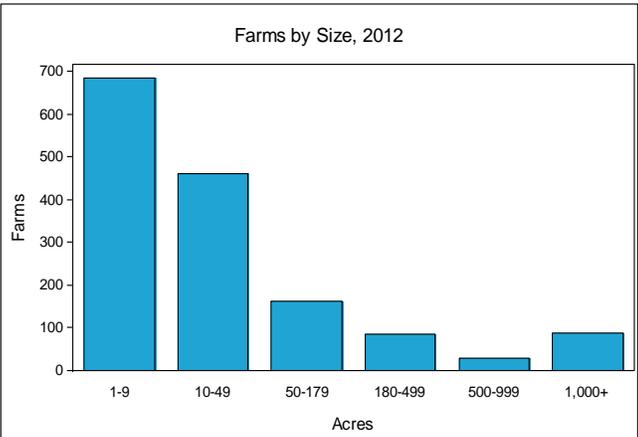
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Benton County Washington

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,509	1,630	- 7
<b>Land in Farms</b>	703,505 acres	632,636 acres	+ 11
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	466 acres	388 acres	+ 20
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$923,163,000	\$525,918,000	+ 76
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	\$611,772	\$322,649	+ 90
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$6,225,000	\$6,064,000	+ 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$37,955	\$38,623	- 2





## Benton County – Washington

### Ranked items among the 39 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	923,163	3	39	38	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	3	39	18	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	5	39	(D)	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	7	34	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	257,939	2	39	12	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	324,159	3	39	18	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,290	18	38	951	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(Z)	33	33	1,490	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	4	39	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	361	14	39	1,147	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	2	39	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	345	3	37	995	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	209	15	39	765	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,052	6	39	234	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	32	34	1,153	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	225	16	39	714	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Wheat for grain, all	119,533	8	32	117	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	96,099	8	28	99	2,480
Vegetables harvested, all	83,081	2	39	7	2,801
Potatoes	33,697	2	36	5	2,354
Grapes	28,636	1	36	10	2,144
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	86,294	5	39	165	3,063
Pheasants	(D)	1	23	(D)	963
Layers	4,530	15	39	844	3,040
Colonies of bees	3,021	7	39	233	2,761
Quail	(D)	2	15	(D)	944

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	480	Farming	676
\$1,000 to \$2,499	160	Other	833
\$2,500 to \$4,999	197		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	152	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	118	Male	1,267
\$20,000 to \$24,999	43	Female	242
\$25,000 to \$39,999	50		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	62	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	72	American Indian or Alaska Native	35
\$500,000 or more	92	Asian	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	784,532	Black or African American	1
Average per farm (\$)	519,902	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8
		White	2,443
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	159,631	More than one race	21
Average per farm (\$)	105,786	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	280

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. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<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.