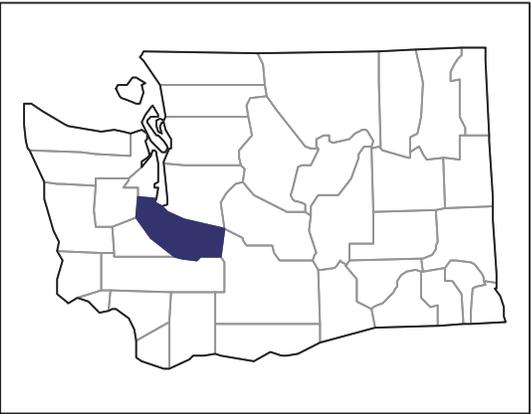


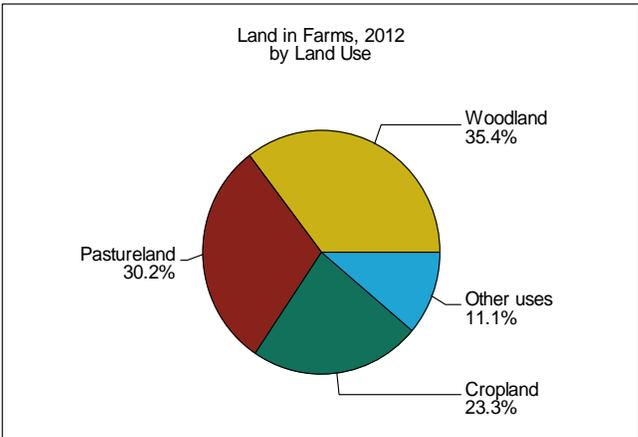
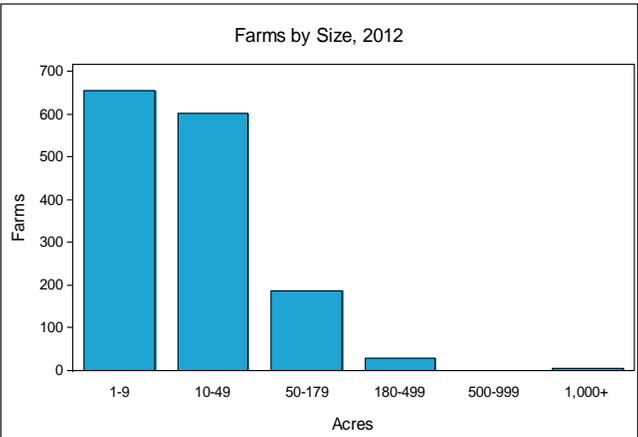
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Pierce County Washington

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,478	1,448	+ 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	49,483 acres	47,677 acres	+ 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	33 acres	33 acres	0
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$90,933,000	\$83,402,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$23,896,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$67,037,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$61,524	\$57,598	+ 7
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$96,000	\$68,000	+ 41
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,030	\$4,011	+ 25





## Pierce 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	90,933	19	39	1,257	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,896	23	39	1,614	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	67,037	13	39	720	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	106	30	34	2,655	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,522	11	39	341	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,143	18	39	304	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,733	7	38	200	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	748	6	33	46	1,530
Other crops and hay	644	31	39	2,261	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	2	39	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	21	39	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	3,788	16	30	807	2,038
Hogs and pigs	99	10	37	1,256	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	255	14	39	668	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,303	3	39	171	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	6	34	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,147	4	39	231	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,339	25	39	2,042	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	1,324	16	39	407	2,801
Cut Christmas trees	507	6	33	113	1,557
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	27	32	(D)	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	24	28	(D)	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	4	39	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	5	38	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	11,555	21	39	1,816	3,063
Horses and ponies	3,841	4	39	118	3,072
Sheep and lambs	1,863	5	39	497	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	627	Farming	694
\$1,000 to \$2,499	237	Other	784
\$2,500 to \$4,999	182		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	168	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	135	Male	962
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	516
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	43
\$500,000 or more	17	Asian	37
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	87,562	Black or African American	18
Average per farm (\$)	59,244	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8
		White	2,239
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,865	More than one race	87
Average per farm (\$)	5,998	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	65

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.