

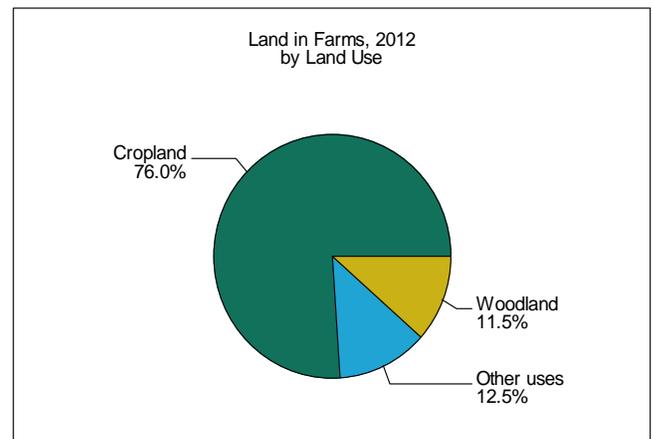
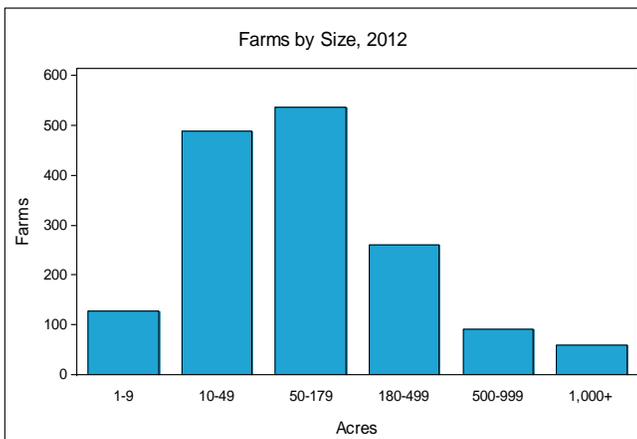
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Columbia County Wisconsin

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,564	1,585	- 1
Land in Farms	307,973 acres	316,193 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	197 acres	199 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$214,300,000	\$166,672,000	+ 29
Crop Sales \$119,418,000 (56 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$94,882,000 (44 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$137,020	\$105,156	+ 30
Government Payments	\$5,783,000	\$5,505,000	+ 5
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,202	\$5,407	+ 33





Columbia County – Wisconsin

Ranked items among the 72 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	214,300	24	72	487	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	119,418	7	71	532	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	94,882	32	72	505	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	112,135	5	71	412	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	10	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,609	31	70	535	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	228	46	70	1,025	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	940	43	71	1,101	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	194	14	67	165	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,311	34	71	884	3,049
Poultry and eggs	3,199	15	72	831	3,013
Cattle and calves	27,396	20	72	591	3,056
Milk from cows	61,878	32	68	129	2,038
Hogs and pigs	1,438	17	70	809	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	653	14	68	256	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	142	34	69	1,545	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	177	42	70	816	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	123,396	5	69	200	2,638
Soybeans for beans	37,294	16	68	713	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,173	35	72	568	3,057
Corn for silage	12,510	28	69	132	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	7,987	13	68	762	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	5	72	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	52,560	27	72	468	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	8	71	(D)	2,723
Pheasants	(D)	11	53	(D)	963
Hogs and pigs	5,375	12	70	747	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	408	Farming	828
\$1,000 to \$2,499	105	Other	736
\$2,500 to \$4,999	107	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	146	Male	1,384
\$10,000 to \$19,999	131	Female	180
\$20,000 to \$24,999	48	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	119	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	41	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	139	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	116	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	85	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	119	White	2,491
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	179,614	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	114,843	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	53,943		
Average per farm (\$)	34,490		

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.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.