

AGRI CULTURE is everywhere!



Fun Facts!

- * There are more than 99,000 family farms in the state of Missouri.
- * An average Missouri farm is 285 acres.
- * Missouri ranks #2 in number of farms. Texas is #1.
- * Missouri ranks 4th in U.S. turkey production.
- * Missouri poultry lay more than 2.67 billion eggs a year!
- * The average Missouri farmer is around 58 years old.

ACTIVITY

Find the answers below using the map:

How many counties have cattle as a top commodity? _____

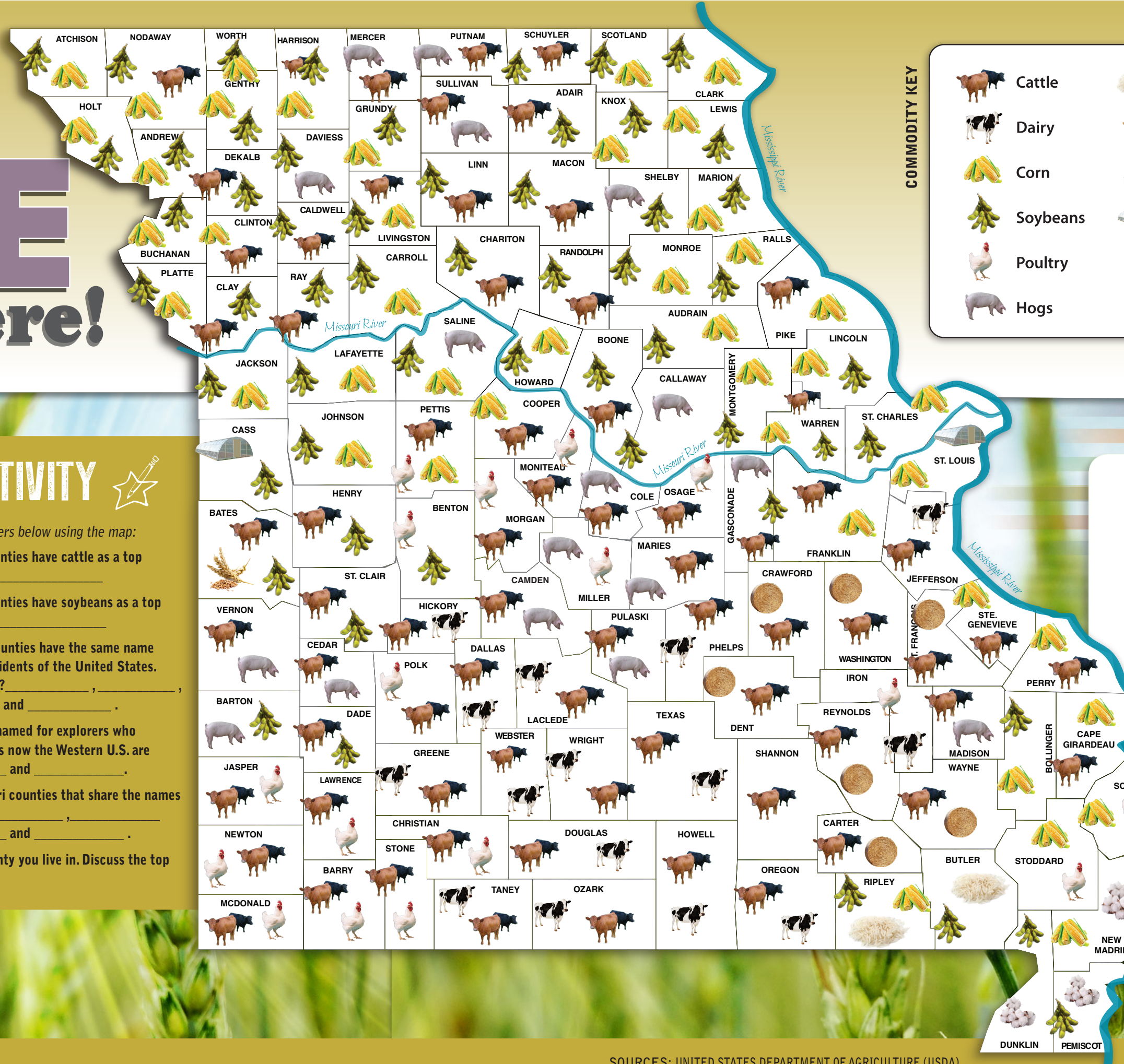
How many counties have soybeans as a top commodity? _____

12 Missouri counties have the same name as former presidents of the United States. Can you find 4? _____, _____, _____ and _____.

Two counties named for explorers who crossed what is now the Western U.S. are _____ and _____.

Find 4 Missouri counties that share the names of states: _____ and _____.

Circle the county you live in. Discuss the top commodities.



MISSOURI

CAPITOL: Jefferson City
NUMBER OF COUNTIES: 114
STATE BIRD: Bluebird
STATE FLOWER: Hawthorn
STATE TREE: American Dogwood
NICKNAME: Show-Me State

NEWSPAPER ACTIVITY

Look in your newspapers for stories about products grown in your county and the people who produce them. Write a Letter to the Editor thanking local farmers and ranchers and sharing facts from this special section to remind the public about the value of Missouri agriculture to our communities, state, nation and world.

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