



Custer County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	379	-14
Land in farms (acres)	2,137,368	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	5,639	+19
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	84,640,000	+10
Government payments	10,208,000	+228
Farm-related income	4,388,000	+16
Total farm production expenses	79,236,000	+18
Net cash farm income	20,000,000	+23
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	223,325	+29
Government payments ^a	68,511	+265
Farm-related income ^a	23,719	+35
Total farm production expenses	209,066	+37
Net cash farm income	52,771	+43

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	21
Livestock, poultry, and products	79

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	136,135
Pastureland	1,950,520
Woodland	40,268
Other	10,445

Acres irrigated: 28,865

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	13
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	112	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	36	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	28	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	26	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	8
\$100,000 or more	136	36

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	28	7
10 to 49 acres	54	14
50 to 179 acres	71	19
180 to 499 acres	36	9
500 to 999 acres	23	6
1,000+ acres	167	44

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	84,640	24	56	1,550	3,078
Crops	17,504	37	56	1,917	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	9,007	35	55	1,583	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	31	44	(D)	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	24	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	33	33	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	(D)	18	56	406	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	67,136	7	56	907	3,076
Poultry and eggs	15	37	55	2,019	3,027
Cattle and calves	65,975	6	56	229	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	22	28	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	2	46	52	1,741	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	203	29	55	929	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	175	37	56	1,203	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	4	12	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	24	53	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d	713	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	88	
Male	408			
Female	305	Farm organically	-	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	1	
<35	46	Hire farm labor	30	
35 – 64	388	Are family farms	94	
65 and older	279			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-
Asian	3		Cattle and calves	87,693
Black or African American	-		Goats	45
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2		Hogs and pigs	-
White	704		Horses and ponies	1,280
More than one race	4		Layers	623
Other characteristics			Pullets	84
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	9		Sheep and lambs	1,969
With military service	45		Turkeys	-
New and beginning farmers	199			

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.