



# Pondera County Montana

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	435	-10
Land in farms (acres)	746,528	-7
Average size of farm (acres)	1,716	+4
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	111,320,000	-0
Government payments	6,801,000	-36
Farm-related income	16,075,000	+125
Total farm production expenses	103,049,000	+5
Net cash farm income	31,147,000	+1
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	255,907	+12
Government payments <sup>a</sup>	26,260	-16
Farm-related income <sup>a</sup>	53,944	+126
Total farm production expenses	236,895	+17
Net cash farm income	71,603	+13

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	64
Livestock, poultry, and products	36

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	502,835
Pastureland	225,013
Woodland	3,821
Other	14,859

**Acres irrigated: 50,115**

7% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	44
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	4

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
Less than \$2,500	146	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	33	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	36	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27	6
\$100,000 or more	165	38

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
1 to 9 acres	8	2
10 to 49 acres	44	10
50 to 179 acres	74	17
180 to 499 acres	78	18
500 to 999 acres	41	9
1,000+ acres	190	44

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,320</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>70,697</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>3,074</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	65,895	12	55	811	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	251	16	44	1,385	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	20	24	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	26	33	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	4,535	35	56	757	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>40,623</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Poultry and eggs	5,242	2	55	674	3,027
Cattle and calves	16,848	39	56	949	3,047
Milk from cows	4,409	6	28	602	1,770
Hogs and pigs	12,226	2	52	400	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	630	14	55	313	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	12	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	16	53	(D)	2,909

<b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>	<b>775</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>	
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access <b>82</b>	Wheat for grain, all 170,703	
Male 484			Barley for grain 65,459	
Female 291		Farm organically <b>-</b>	Forage (hay/haylage), all 21,340	
<b>Age</b>			Canola 6,546	
<35 85		Sell directly to consumers <b>1</b>	Chickpeas, all 5,668	
35 – 64 350			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
65 and older 340				Cattle and calves 20,646
<b>Race</b>		Hire farm labor <b>25</b>	Goats 108	
American Indian/Alaska Native 39			Are family farms <b>85</b>	Hogs and pigs 25,629
Asian -				Horses and ponies 676
Black or African American -			Layers 205,250	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -			Pullets 73,500	
White 724			Sheep and lambs 3,355	
More than one race 12			Turkeys 3,300	
<b>Other characteristics</b>				
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 9				
With military service 40				
New and beginning farmers 250				

<sup>a</sup> Average per farm receiving. <sup>b</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>c</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>d</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>e</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>f</sup> 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.