



Lea County New Mexico

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	411	-26
Land in farms (acres)	1,826,208	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	4,443	+27
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	259,323,000	+35
Government payments	4,328,000	+96
Farm-related income	5,077,000	+169
Total farm production expenses	204,498,000	+18
Net cash farm income	64,230,000	+174
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	630,956	+82
Government payments ^a	39,709	+177
Farm-related income ^a	53,442	+226
Total farm production expenses	497,562	+60
Net cash farm income	156,278	+270

9 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	18
Livestock, poultry, and products	82

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	92,019
Pastureland	1,687,688
Woodland	377
Other	46,124

Acres irrigated: 41,468

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	184	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	29	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	26	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27	7
\$100,000 or more	78	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	54	13
10 to 49 acres	89	22
50 to 179 acres	62	15
180 to 499 acres	54	13
500 to 999 acres	36	9
1,000+ acres	116	28

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	259,323	5	33	612	3,078
Crops	46,824	7	32	1,355	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	3,260	11	29	1,917	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	23,157	1	10	80	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	7,829	4	30	312	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	905	12	31	629	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	7	24	29	1,663	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	11,667	7	32	294	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	212,499	4	33	314	3,076
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	33	1,491	3,027
Cattle and calves	39,432	6	32	458	3,047
Milk from cows	169,083	4	16	68	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	25	28	1,790	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	212	12	32	885	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	3,544	2	32	65	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	156	10	30	800	2,909

Producers ^d	747	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	72
Male	445		
Female	302	Farm organically	2
Age		Sell directly to consumers	2
<35	109		
35 – 64	376	Hire farm labor	26
65 and older	262		
Race		Are family farms	96
American Indian/Alaska Native	19		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	1		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	701		
More than one race	26		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	114		
With military service	73		
New and beginning farmers	253		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			510
			Cattle and calves
			100,315
			Goats
			566
			Hogs and pigs
			10
			Horses and ponies
			1,277
			Layers
			1,688
			Pullets
			378
			Sheep and lambs
			1,808
			Turkeys
			26

^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.