Mercer County
Kentucky

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,108	+4
Land in farms (acres)	136,446	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	123	-9
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	45,903,000	-9
Government payments	2,019,000	+37
Farm-related income	4,862,000	+57
Total farm production expenses	49,802,000	-7
Net cash farm income	2,982,000	+111
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	41,428	-13
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,741	+240
Farm-related income	16,882	+60
Total farm production expenses	44,948	-11
Net cash farm income	2,691	+103

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	26
Livestock, poultry, and products	74

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	44
Pastureland	40
Woodland	10
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 32

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	486	44
$2,500 to $4,999	91	8
$5,000 to $9,999	136	12
$10,000 to $24,999	162	15
$25,000 to $49,999	97	9
$50,000 to $99,999	56	5
$100,000 or more	80	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	88	8
10 to 49 acres	393	35
50 to 179 acres	428	39
180 to 499 acres	159	14
500 to 999 acres	27	2
1,000 + acres	13	1

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**45,903**	**45**	**120**	**1,828**	**3,077**
Crops	**12,034**	**58**	**120**	**1,954**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	7,207	50	116	1,503	2,916
Tobacco	1,656	52	94	135	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	225	37	118	1,226	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	14	77	114	1,779	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	327	34	103	1,171	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,605	27	120	967	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**33,868**	**30**	**120**	**1,224**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	69	61	120	1,142	3,007
Cattle and calves	30,369	5	120	512	3,055
Milk from cows	775	31	77	968	1,892
Hogs and pigs	12	60	114	1,520	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	304	10	118	546	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,201	11	115	65	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	138	13	111	645	2,878

Total Producers [c] — 1,901

Sex
Male	1,180
Female	721

Age
<35	272
35 – 64	1,130
65 and older	499

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	10
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	6
White	1,876
More than one race	9

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	8
With military service	171
New and beginning farmers	647

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**74**
Farm organically	**(Z)**
Sell directly to consumers	**4**
Hire farm labor	**22**
Are family farms	**98**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	33,205
Soybeans for beans	6,395
Corn for grain	4,168
Wheat for grain, all	1,525
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,096

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	165
Cattle and calves	45,044
Goats	889
Hogs and pigs	65
Horses and ponies	2,732
Layers	3,635
Pullets	455
Sheep and lambs	2,292
Turkeys	93

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.
[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.
[d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] 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.