



# Benton County Minnesota

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	816	-15
Land in farms (acres)	194,832	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	239	+21
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	207,177,000	+24
Government payments	1,702,000	-46
Farm-related income	4,680,000	+8
Total farm production expenses	155,212,000	+23
Net cash farm income	58,346,000	+20
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	253,893	+45
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,794	-7
Farm-related income	9,669	+25
Total farm production expenses	190,211	+44
Net cash farm income	71,503	+41

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	31
Livestock, poultry, and products	69

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	80
Pastureland	7
Woodland	7
Other	7

**Acres irrigated: 16,699**

9% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	23
Intensive till	37
Cover crop	6

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	238	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	89	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	58	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	97	12
\$100,000 or more	223	27

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	29	4
10 to 49 acres	234	29
50 to 179 acres	264	32
180 to 499 acres	203	25
500 to 999 acres	53	6
1,000 + acres	33	4

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>207,177</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>63,898</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	47,964	60	85	781	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	13,191	7	86	176	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	66	49	84	1,452	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	318	46	82	1,177	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	89	9	54	285	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,270	41	87	1,097	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>143,279</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	87,002	4	87	173	3,007
Cattle and calves	9,957	48	87	1,249	3,055
Milk from cows	36,923	15	80	214	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9,156	39	85	393	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	119	43	85	1,144	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	25	54	84	2,098	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	96	37	85	758	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,319**

**Sex**

Male 894  
Female 425

**Age**

<35 116  
35 – 64 936  
65 and older 267

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native -  
Asian 2  
Black or African American 6  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -  
White 1,309  
More than one race 2

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 14  
With military service 104  
New and beginning farmers 288

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **75**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **4**

Hire farm labor **27**

Are family farms **98**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain 56,554  
Soybeans for beans 54,340  
Forage (hay/haylage), all 20,256  
Corn for silage or greenchop 6,629  
Vegetables harvested, all 4,007

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 2,676,887  
Cattle and calves 33,372  
Goats 183  
Hogs and pigs 25,398  
Horses and ponies 492  
Layers 1,431  
Pullets 215,710  
Sheep and lambs 990  
Turkeys -

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</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>e</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.