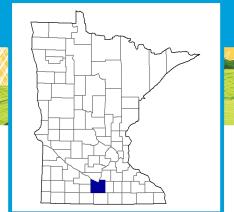


### Blue Earth County Minnesota



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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	983	-8
Land in farms (acres)	382,730	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	389	+11
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	483,499,000	-4
Government payments	12,899,000	+67
Farm-related income	15,638,000	+14
Total farm production expenses	382,030,000	+3
Net cash farm income	130,006,000	-17
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	491,860	+4
Government payments		
(average per farm receiving)	17,176	+91
Farm-related income	23,586	+19
Total farm production expenses	388,637	+12
Net cash farm income	132,254	-10

## **3** Percent of state agriculture

Share of Sales by	Type (%)	
Crops		42
Livestock, poultry, and products		
Land in Farms by	Use (%) a	
Cropland		93
Pastureland		(Z)
Woodland		2
Other		4
Acres irrigated: 4,28	2	
	1% of land in fa	arms
Land Use Practices	s (% of farms)	
No till		6
Reduced till		30
Intensive till		37
Cover crop		4

Farms by Value of Sal	es		Farms by Size		
	Number	Percent of Total a		Number	Percent of Total a
Less than \$2,500	266	27	1 to 9 acres	95	10
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35	4	10 to 49 acres	209	21
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	3	50 to 179 acres	249	25
\$10,000 to \$24,999	54	5	180 to 499 acres	200	20
\$25,000 to \$49,999	66	7	500 to 999 acres	123	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	90	9	1,000 + acres	107	11
\$100 000 or more	447	45			

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#### **Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

		Rank	Counties	Rank	Counties
	Sales	in	Producing	in	Producing
	(\$1,000)	State <sup>b</sup>	Item	U.S. b	ltem
Total	483,499	5	87	101	3,077
Crops	202,637	12	87	124	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	198,435	9	85	49	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,631	44	86	611	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	23	84	907	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,936	20	82	654	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation					
woody crops	(D)	42	54	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	376	81	87	2,447	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	280,861	5	87	119	3,073
Poultry and eggs	13,119	23	87	507	3,007
Cattle and calves	9,686	51	87	1,279	3,055
Milk from cows	435	72	80	1,028	1,892
Hogs and pigs	256,983	2	85	12	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	474	16	85	355	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	44	84	1,853	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,878

Total Producers <sup>c</sup>	1,564	Percent of farm	s that:	Top Crops in Acres d	
Sex Male Female	1,124 440	Have internet access	82	Soybeans for beans 16	68,936 61,950 3,659 (D)
<b>Age</b> <35 35 – 64 65 and older	129 959 476	Farm organically	(Z)	Wheat for grain, all	(D)
Race American Indian/Alaska Native Asian	- 3	Sell directly to consumers	3	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)  Broilers and other	
Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White More than one race	- - 1,561 -	Hire farm labor	31	Goats Hogs and pigs 59	553 12,160 222 99,573 276
Other characteristics Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin With military service New and beginning farmers	2 149 336	Are family farms	96	Pullets Sheep and lambs	56 3,322 31,772

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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. <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.