Polk County
Nebraska

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	432	-7
Land in farms (acres)	251,028	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	581	+10
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	330,698,000	+1
Government payments	7,235,000	+95
Farm-related income	5,952,000	-17
Total farm production expenses	254,218,000	+4
Net cash farm income	89,667,000	-4
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	765,504	+9
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	20,154	+100
Farm-related income	18,599	-22
Total farm production expenses	588,468	+12
Net cash farm income	207,562	+4

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	39
Livestock, poultry, and products	61

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	90
Pastureland	8
Woodland	(Z)
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 164,224

65% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	37
Reduced till	45
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	33	8
$2,500 to $4,999	12	3
$5,000 to $9,999	13	3
$10,000 to $24,999	38	9
$25,000 to $49,999	32	7
$50,000 to $99,999	42	10
$100,000 or more	262	61

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	18	4
10 to 49 acres	62	14
50 to 179 acres	77	18
180 to 499 acres	104	24
500 to 999 acres	94	22
1,000 + acres	77	18

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	**330,698**	**20**	**93**	**215**	**3,077**
Crops	**130,365**	**32**	**93**	**374**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	129,532	32	92	248	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	58	65	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	54	59	1,883	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	64	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	830	72	93	2,045	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**200,333**	**20**	**93**	**205**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	10	91	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	138,769	24	93	91	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	3	48	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	35,127	16	86	171	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	15	69	91	2,276	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	21	70	93	2,142	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	54	77	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**710**
Sex	
Male	524
Female	186
Age	
<35	53
35 – 64	446
65 and older	211
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	710
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4
With military service	49
New and beginning farmers	112

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**86**
Farm organically	**(Z)**
Sell directly to consumers	**2**
Hire farm labor	**41**
Are family farms	**94**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Corn for grain	115,514
Soybeans for beans	87,668
Forage (hay/haylage), all	7,998
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,750
Sorghum for grain	450

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	235
Cattle and calves	82,008
Goats	13
Hogs and pigs	70,244
Horses and ponies	140
Layers	(D)
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	200
Turkeys	(D)

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.