



# Kern County California

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,731	-11
Land in farms (acres)	2,295,497	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	1,326	+10
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	4,076,783,000	+2
Government payments	5,101,000	-4
Farm-related income	86,502,000	-17
Total farm production expenses	3,255,761,000	-4
Net cash farm income	912,624,000	+28
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	2,355,161	+14
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	21,341	+21
Farm-related income	152,292	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	1,880,856	+7
Net cash farm income	527,223	+43

## 9 Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	84
Livestock, poultry, and products	16

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

Cropland	42
Pastureland	53
Woodland	2
Other	4

### Acres irrigated: 730,711

32% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	2

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	450	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	111	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	93	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	124	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	69	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	86	5
\$100,000 or more	798	46

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	335	19
10 to 49 acres	363	21
50 to 179 acres	311	18
180 to 499 acres	262	15
500 to 999 acres	156	9
1,000 + acres	304	18

**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>4,076,783</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>3,435,861</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	25,176	13	48	1,050	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	39,745	4	11	36	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	568,673	5	56	6	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,663,306	2	57	2	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	83,268	12	54	33	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	33	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	55,693	5	55	27	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>640,922</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	10	56	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	180,855	6	57	72	3,055
Milk from cows	416,576	5	41	8	1,892
Hogs and pigs	248	9	55	714	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	14,607	1	56	2	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	338	22	55	642	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	22	40	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	2,840	9	57	67	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Almonds 206,388
Male	2,162	<b>83</b>	Pistachios 115,497
Female	997		Grapes 111,479
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Vegetables harvested, all 85,081
<35	230	<b>2</b>	Forage (hay/haylage), all 79,510
35 – 64	1,820		
65 and older	1,109		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	41	<b>6</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 156
Asian	207		Cattle and calves 343,608
Black or African American	28		Goats 1,737
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs 1,695
White	2,834	<b>49</b>	Horses and ponies 3,270
More than one race	48		Layers (D)
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	303	<b>85</b>	Sheep and lambs 93,730
With military service	327		Turkeys 60
New and beginning farmers	787		

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.