



Santa Cruz County California

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	625	-6
Land in farms (acres)	63,900	-36
Average size of farm (acres)	102	-32
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	606,540,000	+7
Government payments	37,000	(D)
Farm-related income	8,139,000	+7
Total farm production expenses	518,381,000	+14
Net cash farm income	96,335,000	-18
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	970,464	+14
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,085	(D)
Farm-related income	42,392	+21
Total farm production expenses	829,410	+21
Net cash farm income	154,136	-12

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	99
Livestock, poultry, and products	1

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	37
Pastureland	39
Woodland	16
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 20,140

32% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	25

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	149	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	94	15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	53	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61	10
\$100,000 or more	156	25

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	279	45
10 to 49 acres	224	36
50 to 179 acres	79	13
180 to 499 acres	20	3
500 to 999 acres	10	2
1,000 + acres	13	2

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	606,540	18	58	69	3,077
Crops	598,445	17	58	24	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	4	47	48	2,581	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	104,673	15	56	29	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	376,400	17	57	19	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	116,692	8	54	25	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	384	4	33	108	1,384
Other crops and hay	291	44	55	2,520	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	8,095	45	58	2,225	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	16	56	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	786	55	57	2,447	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	41	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	45	55	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	9	52	56	2,378	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	39	40	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	24	50	57	1,265	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,061

Sex

Male	682
Female	379

Age

<35	82
35 – 64	622
65 and older	357

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	54
Black or African American	8
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	27
White	968
More than one race	4

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	158
With military service	72
New and beginning farmers	405

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **85**

Farm organically **18**

Sell directly to consumers **22**

Hire farm labor **51**

Are family farms **93**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Vegetables harvested, all	11,338
Land in berries	7,415
Strawberries	4,463
Lettuce, all	4,450
Broccoli	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	2,890
Goats	175
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	782
Layers	(D)
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	138
Turkeys	-

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.