



# Nobles County Minnesota

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	885	-11
Land in farms (acres)	414,405	+9
Average size of farm (acres)	468	+22
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	518,965,000	+9
Government payments	8,236,000	-1
Farm-related income	15,864,000	+3
Total farm production expenses	418,906,000	+17
Net cash farm income	124,159,000	-14
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	586,401	+22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,423	+14
Farm-related income	23,607	+13
Total farm production expenses	473,340	+32
Net cash farm income	140,293	-3

**3** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	40
Livestock, poultry, and products	60

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

Cropland	95
Pastureland	2
Woodland	(Z)
Other	3

**Acres irrigated: 88**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	34
Intensive till	44
Cover crop	5

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	166	19
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	2
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	35	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	32	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	74	8
\$100,000 or more	535	60

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	66	7
10 to 49 acres	173	20
50 to 179 acres	139	16
180 to 499 acres	238	27
500 to 999 acres	136	15
1,000 + acres	133	15

**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>518,965</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>205,610</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	203,343	8	85	45	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	232	62	86	1,214	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	19	84	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	57	82	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	54	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,619	50	87	1,421	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>313,354</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	12,634	24	87	512	3,007
Cattle and calves	131,710	2	87	96	3,055
Milk from cows	23,126	27	80	294	1,892
Hogs and pigs	145,149	4	85	26	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	600	12	85	281	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	82
Male	1,055		
Female	413		
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	145		
35 – 64	895		
65 and older	428		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	2
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	1,468	Hire farm labor	36
More than one race	-		
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	95
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3		
With military service	113		
New and beginning farmers	228		
		<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	783
		Cattle and calves	92,426
		Goats	808
		Hogs and pigs	393,029
		Horses and ponies	231
		Layers	835
		Pullets	378
		Sheep and lambs	1,805
		Turkeys	186,011

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.