



Stearns County Minnesota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,951	-16
Land in farms (acres)	650,821	-14
Average size of farm (acres)	221	+2
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	747,977,000	-7
Government payments	5,926,000	-63
Farm-related income	18,444,000	-24
Total farm production expenses	591,709,000	+1
Net cash farm income	180,637,000	-31
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	253,466	+10
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,563	-42
Farm-related income	9,911	-14
Total farm production expenses	200,511	+20
Net cash farm income	61,212	-18

4 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	24
Livestock, poultry, and products	76

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	79
Pastureland	6
Woodland	6
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 51,762

8% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	28
Intensive till	40
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	711	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	160	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	180	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	258	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	246	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	305	10
\$100,000 or more	1,091	37

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	104	4
10 to 49 acres	615	21
50 to 179 acres	1,022	35
180 to 499 acres	966	33
500 to 999 acres	176	6
1,000 + acres	68	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	747,977	1	87	50	3,077
Crops	179,121	23	87	195	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	153,655	25	85	163	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	5,775	25	86	307	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	16	84	825	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	4,651	12	82	400	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	24	54	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	14,707	10	87	168	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	568,856	1	87	38	3,073
Poultry and eggs	164,035	2	87	71	3,007
Cattle and calves	112,985	3	87	108	3,055
Milk from cows	254,768	1	80	21	1,892
Hogs and pigs	32,114	31	85	182	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	654	10	85	255	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	361	11	84	591	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	3,938	4	85	47	2,878

Total Producers ^c

5,014

Sex

Male	3,427
Female	1,587

Age

<35	462
35 – 64	3,430
65 and older	1,122

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	2
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	5,007
More than one race	2

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	22
With military service	330
New and beginning farmers	894

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **78**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **4**

Hire farm labor **29**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	182,828
Soybeans for beans	114,288
Forage (hay/haylage), all	95,352
Corn for silage or greenchop	40,242
Oats for grain	11,100

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,892,957
Cattle and calves	198,361
Goats	839
Hogs and pigs	84,707
Horses and ponies	1,490
Layers	1,033,055
Pullets	176,594
Sheep and lambs	2,610
Turkeys	2,734,124

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.