



Custer County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	441	+4
Land in farms (acres)	2,088,806	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	4,737	-9
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	76,622,000	-30
Government payments	3,114,000	+69
Farm-related income	3,795,000	+16
Total farm production expenses	67,211,000	-30
Net cash farm income	16,320,000	-14
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	173,745	-33
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	18,761	+75
Farm-related income	17,567	-20
Total farm production expenses	152,405	-32
Net cash farm income	37,006	-17

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	15
Livestock, poultry, and products	85

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	6
Pastureland	91
Woodland	3
Other	(Z)

Acres irrigated: 37,223

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	8
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	123	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	36	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	53	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44	10
\$100,000 or more	138	31

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	39	9
10 to 49 acres	68	15
50 to 179 acres	79	18
180 to 499 acres	28	6
500 to 999 acres	55	12
1,000 + acres	172	39

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	76,622	21	56	1,396	3,077
Crops	11,627	34	56	1,969	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	6,220	35	54	1,561	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	24	42	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	15	27	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	28	35	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	5,343	26	56	464	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	64,994	6	56	776	3,073
Poultry and eggs	8	34	53	1,842	3,007
Cattle and calves	63,149	6	56	213	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	25	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9	36	54	1,596	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	880	14	55	191	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	21	56	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	10	13	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	17	52	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	823	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	84	
Male	486			
Female	337	Farm organically	(Z)	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	3	
<35	109	Hire farm labor	29	
35 – 64	451	Are family farms	97	
65 and older	263			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	110
Asian	1		Cattle and calves	90,952
Black or African American	-		Goats	(D)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2		Hogs and pigs	36
White	816		Horses and ponies	1,428
More than one race	3		Layers	792
Other characteristics			Pullets	(D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7		Sheep and lambs	5,461
With military service	78		Turkeys	52
New and beginning farmers	191			

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.