



Dawson County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	487	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	1,132,990	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	2,326	-10
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	58,188,000	-28
Government payments	7,569,000	+18
Farm-related income	9,855,000	+148
Total farm production expenses	60,952,000	-7
Net cash farm income	14,659,000	-42
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	119,483	-28
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	23,951	+29
Farm-related income	33,519	+151
Total farm production expenses	125,159	-7
Net cash farm income	30,100	-42

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	44
Livestock, poultry, and products	56

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	32
Pastureland	65
Woodland	1
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 21,170

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	20
Reduced till	16
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	160	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	37	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	45	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	11
\$100,000 or more	152	31

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	16	3
10 to 49 acres	44	9
50 to 179 acres	68	14
180 to 499 acres	89	18
500 to 999 acres	66	14
1,000 + acres	204	42

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	58,188	29	56	1,633	3,077
Crops	25,608	24	56	1,503	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	19,836	19	54	1,149	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	34	42	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	27	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	35	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	24	56	436	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	32,581	26	56	1,261	3,073
Poultry and eggs	22	25	53	1,548	3,007
Cattle and calves	31,206	22	56	498	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	23	25	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	7	39	54	1,654	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	803	16	55	205	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	170	30	56	1,098	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	24	52	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	860	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	75	
Male	546			
Female	314			
Age		Farm organically	-	
<35	51			
35 – 64	473			
65 and older	336			
Race		Sell directly to consumers	2	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-			
Asian	-			
Black or African American	1			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	20	
White	854			
More than one race	5			
Other characteristics		Are family farms	91	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1			
With military service	96			
New and beginning farmers	183			
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	375
			Cattle and calves	36,427
			Goats	296
			Hogs and pigs	48
			Horses and ponies	973
			Layers	722
			Pullets	45
			Sheep and lambs	2,065
			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.