



Fergus County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	845	+7
Land in farms (acres)	2,188,069	+12
Average size of farm (acres)	2,589	+4
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	133,624,000	-8
Government payments	12,281,000	+83
Farm-related income	8,925,000	+36
Total farm production expenses	131,283,000	+18
Net cash farm income	23,546,000	-50
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	158,135	-14
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	28,038	+82
Farm-related income	20,470	+27
Total farm production expenses	155,365	+10
Net cash farm income	27,865	-54

4 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	27
Livestock, poultry, and products	73

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	29
Pastureland	68
Woodland	2
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 16,250

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	22
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	196	23
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	66	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	59	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	72	9
\$100,000 or more	347	41

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	41	5
10 to 49 acres	116	14
50 to 179 acres	134	16
180 to 499 acres	74	9
500 to 999 acres	72	9
1,000 + acres	408	48

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	133,624	3	56	874	3,077
Crops	35,964	17	56	1,315	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	25,863	17	54	1,035	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	27	42	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	20	27	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	10	35	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	5	9	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	9,498	10	56	265	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	97,660	1	56	528	3,073
Poultry and eggs	41	21	53	1,339	3,007
Cattle and calves	93,478	1	56	136	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	11	25	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	18	29	54	1,397	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	479	22	55	347	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	342	15	56	635	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	4	13	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	9	52	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,499	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	84
Male	950		
Female	549		
Age		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	178		
35 – 64	837		
65 and older	484		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	3
American Indian/Alaska Native	7		
Asian	2		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	29
White	1,490		
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	93
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7		
With military service	136		
New and beginning farmers	345		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			693
			Cattle and calves
			119,336
			Goats
			121
			Hogs and pigs
			195
			Horses and ponies
			1,828
			Layers
			1,592
			Pullets
			143
			Sheep and lambs
			2,990
			Turkeys
			(D)

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.