



Liberty County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	246	-19
Land in farms (acres)	913,576	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	3,714	+26
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	88,292,000	+4
Government payments	10,873,000	+12
Farm-related income	5,106,000	+7
Total farm production expenses	74,255,000	+10
Net cash farm income	30,016,000	-5
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	358,909	+29
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	48,758	+41
Farm-related income	29,011	+8
Total farm production expenses	301,849	+36
Net cash farm income	122,015	+18

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	78
Livestock, poultry, and products	22

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	76
Pastureland	22
Woodland	(D)
Other	(D)

Acres irrigated: 7,017

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	64
Reduced till	12
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	40	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2	1
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4	2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	11	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	6
\$100,000 or more	159	65

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	1	(Z)
10 to 49 acres	4	2
50 to 179 acres	9	4
180 to 499 acres	23	9
500 to 999 acres	23	9
1,000 + acres	186	76

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	88,292	16	56	1,265	3,077
Crops	69,077	4	56	850	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	66,843	4	54	598	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	100	17	42	1,544	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	2,133	41	56	1,146	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	19,215	39	56	1,672	3,073
Poultry and eggs	2,311	3	53	688	3,007
Cattle and calves	5,423	51	56	1,649	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	7	25	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9,346	2	54	387	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	-	-	55	-	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	54	56	2,396	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	38	52	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	421	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access 83	Wheat for grain, all 267,372
Male 271			Lentils 31,284
Female 150		Farm organically 2	Chickpeas 30,052
Age			Dry edible peas 24,825
<35 48		Sell directly to consumers 2	Barley for grain 20,091
35 – 64 228			Hire farm labor 52
65 and older 145		Are family farms 90	
Race			
American Indian/Alaska Native -			Goats -
Asian 1			Hogs and pigs 19,624
Black or African American -			Horses and ponies (D)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -			Layers 107,810
White 420			Pullets (D)
More than one race -			Sheep and lambs -
Other characteristics			Turkeys 1,575
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 2			
With military service 42			
New and beginning farmers 67			

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.