



Meagher County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	145	+7
Land in farms (acres)	882,177	+9
Average size of farm (acres)	6,084	+2
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	36,769,000	-6
Government payments	887,000	+66
Farm-related income	1,677,000	+68
Total farm production expenses	32,556,000	+33
Net cash farm income	6,777,000	-58
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	253,581	-12
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	23,333	+119
Farm-related income	23,285	+28
Total farm production expenses	224,522	+25
Net cash farm income	46,736	-61

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	12
Livestock, poultry, and products	88

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	10
Pastureland	83
Woodland	6
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 52,074

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	36	25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5	3
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	7
\$100,000 or more	66	46

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	11	8
10 to 49 acres	20	14
50 to 179 acres	9	6
180 to 499 acres	14	10
500 to 999 acres	3	2
1,000 + acres	88	61

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	36,769	41	56	2,013	3,077
Crops	4,436	47	56	2,419	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,397	43	54	1,883	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	30	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)	43	56	1,194	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	32,334	28	56	1,275	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	18	53	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	29,424	24	56	526	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	18	25	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	54	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	52	-	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Percent of farms that:

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Sex	
Male	168
Female	90
Age	
<35	29
35 – 64	109
65 and older	120
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	258
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2
With military service	22
New and beginning farmers	49

Have internet access	72
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	3
Hire farm labor	46
Are family farms	94

Forage (hay/haylage), all	47,087
Barley for grain	5,725
Wheat for grain, all	5,411
Lentils	(D)
Mustard seed	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	50,989
Goats	-
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	693
Layers	98
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	3,051
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.