



Pondera County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	486	-4
Land in farms (acres)	804,578	-16
Average size of farm (acres)	1,656	-13
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	111,526,000	-2
Government payments	10,629,000	+25
Farm-related income	7,154,000	-36
Total farm production expenses	98,608,000	+4
Net cash farm income	30,700,000	-20
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	229,476	+2
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	31,446	+43
Farm-related income	23,847	-28
Total farm production expenses	202,898	+8
Net cash farm income	63,169	-17

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	68
Livestock, poultry, and products	32

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	69
Pastureland	30
Woodland	(Z)
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 69,824

9% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	44
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	117	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	41	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	48	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51	10
\$100,000 or more	176	36

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	15	3
10 to 49 acres	53	11
50 to 179 acres	71	15
180 to 499 acres	98	20
500 to 999 acres	55	11
1,000 + acres	194	40

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	111,526	7	56	1,049	3,077
Crops	76,064	3	56	768	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	67,479	3	54	593	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	15	42	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	27	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	22	35	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	8,378	14	56	308	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	35,462	24	56	1,198	3,073
Poultry and eggs	2,084	4	53	696	3,007
Cattle and calves	20,673	36	56	774	3,055
Milk from cows	3,007	6	25	738	1,892
Hogs and pigs	6,711	3	54	431	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	629	18	55	265	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	102	36	56	1,424	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	2,255	4	52	81	2,878

Total Producers ^c	852	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Wheat for grain, all 164,644
Male	567	81	Barley for grain 50,625
Female	285		Forage (hay/haylage), all 47,257
Age		Farm organically	Lentils 20,209
<35	116	(Z)	Chickpeas 19,849
35 – 64	443		
65 and older	293		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	155	2	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	2		Cattle and calves 24,285
Black or African American	-		Goats 88
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs 24,539
White	677	35	Horses and ponies 1,174
More than one race	18		Layers 115,236
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 72,750
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3	94	Sheep and lambs 4,601
With military service	64		Turkeys 4,302
New and beginning farmers	187		

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.