



# Prairie County Montana

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	179	-4
Land in farms (acres)	747,256	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	4,175	+1
<b>Total</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	43,300,000	+39
Government payments	4,610,000	+164
Farm-related income	2,261,000	+28
Total farm production expenses	39,101,000	+55
Net cash farm income	11,070,000	+16
<b>Per farm average</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	241,899	+44
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	33,169	+148
Farm-related income	19,836	+38
Total farm production expenses	218,443	+61
Net cash farm income	61,846	+21

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	25
Livestock, poultry, and products	75

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	17
Pastureland	82
Woodland	(D)
Other	(D)

**Acres irrigated: 14,604**

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	28
Reduced till	17
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	6

### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	35	20
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	2
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	12	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	12	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	10
\$100,000 or more	89	50

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	4	2
10 to 49 acres	4	2
50 to 179 acres	24	13
180 to 499 acres	16	9
500 to 999 acres	13	7
1,000 + acres	118	66

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>10,801</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	6,704	33	54	1,529	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	25	42	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	27	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	32	35	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	28	56	627	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>32,499</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	32,316	21	56	478	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	25	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9	35	54	1,591	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	36	55	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	15	50	56	2,223	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	52	-	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>334</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>	
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	78	
Male	199			
Female	135	Farm organically	1	
<b>Age</b>		Sell directly to consumers	3	
<35	44	Hire farm labor	29	
35 – 64	173	Are family farms	93	
65 and older	117			
<b>Race</b>			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-
Asian	-		Cattle and calves	48,224
Black or African American	-		Goats	(D)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	(D)
White	332		Horses and ponies	389
More than one race	2		Layers	360
<b>Other characteristics</b>			Pullets	(D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6		Sheep and lambs	967
With military service	47		Turkeys	-
New and beginning farmers	99			

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.