



Sanders County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	521	+6
Land in farms (acres)	642,640	+90
Average size of farm (acres)	1,233	+79
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	16,910,000	+19
Government payments	570,000	+14
Farm-related income	2,707,000	+197
Total farm production expenses	16,098,000	+21
Net cash farm income	4,090,000	+73
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	32,458	+12
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	12,659	+34
Farm-related income	14,250	+95
Total farm production expenses	30,898	+15
Net cash farm income	7,850	+63

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	31
Livestock, poultry, and products	69

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	7
Pastureland	29
Woodland	62
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 21,483

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	10
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	240	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	77	15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	46	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	4
\$100,000 or more	37	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	33	6
10 to 49 acres	161	31
50 to 179 acres	155	30
180 to 499 acres	86	17
500 to 999 acres	36	7
1,000 + acres	50	10

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	16,910	51	56	2,465	3,077
Crops	5,170	46	56	2,358	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	51	54	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	219	12	42	1,240	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	116	5	27	1,240	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,885	7	35	659	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	3	9	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,784	32	56	907	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	11,740	49	56	2,008	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	13	53	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,153	46	56	1,170	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	25	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	51	47	55	1,727	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	92	39	56	1,493	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	127	31	52	671	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	866
Male	472
Female	394
Age	
<35	45
35 – 64	442
65 and older	379
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	69
Asian	2
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	769
More than one race	25
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	9
With military service	125
New and beginning farmers	174

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	76
Farm organically	1
Sell directly to consumers	8
Hire farm labor	17
Are family farms	95

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	27,205
Wheat for grain, all	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)
Nursery stock crops	268
Cultivated Christmas trees	160

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	113
Cattle and calves	15,539
Goats	218
Hogs and pigs	270
Horses and ponies	1,107
Layers	5,335
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	192
Turkeys	24

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.