



Howard County Nebraska

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	617	-10
Land in farms (acres)	280,566	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	455	-1
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	235,183,000	-5
Government payments	7,045,000	+96
Farm-related income	10,944,000	+12
Total farm production expenses	223,439,000	+2
Net cash farm income	29,734,000	-26
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	381,172	+6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	17,973	+138
Farm-related income	29,106	+17
Total farm production expenses	362,138	+13
Net cash farm income	48,191	-18

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	35
Livestock, poultry, and products	65

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	63
Pastureland	33
Woodland	1
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 115,645

41% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	29
Reduced till	29
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	16

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	127	21
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	70	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	45	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	85	14
\$100,000 or more	202	33

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	52	8
10 to 49 acres	108	18
50 to 179 acres	168	27
180 to 499 acres	133	22
500 to 999 acres	76	12
1,000 + acres	80	13

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	235,183	39	93	398	3,077
Crops	82,699	52	93	683	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	78,856	50	92	503	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	343	21	65	1,082	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	14	59	1,433	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	111	33	64	1,405	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	8	20	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,310	17	93	775	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	152,484	26	93	292	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	150,787	21	93	83	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	48	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	1,058	55	86	593	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	83	43	91	1,407	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	45	60	93	1,851	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	9	77	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,025

Sex

Male	671
Female	354

Age

<35	111
35 – 64	586
65 and older	328

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,025
More than one race	-

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2
With military service	120
New and beginning farmers	223

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **78**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **3**

Hire farm labor **27**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	98,472
Soybeans for beans	38,761
Forage (hay/haylage), all	21,733
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,452
Wheat for grain, all	1,574

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	80,586
Goats	173
Hogs and pigs	2,827
Horses and ponies	423
Layers	1,310
Pullets	792
Sheep and lambs	586
Turkeys	-

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.