



Merrick County Nebraska

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	483	-2
Land in farms (acres)	242,865	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	503	+5
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	240,328,000	-13
Government payments	8,619,000	+106
Farm-related income	10,122,000	+19
Total farm production expenses	210,140,000	-3
Net cash farm income	48,929,000	-32
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	497,573	-11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	26,601	+127
Farm-related income	34,196	+11
Total farm production expenses	435,071	-1
Net cash farm income	101,302	-30

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	47
Livestock, poultry, and products	53

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	83
Pastureland	15
Woodland	1
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 163,772

67% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	36
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	106	22
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	38	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	36	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	7
\$100,000 or more	212	44

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	44	9
10 to 49 acres	91	19
50 to 179 acres	109	23
180 to 499 acres	99	20
500 to 999 acres	60	12
1,000 + acres	80	17

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	240,328	38	93	384	3,077
Crops	113,804	40	93	468	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	111,481	40	92	317	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	16	65	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	55	59	1,897	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	24	64	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,116	57	93	1,770	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	126,524	34	93	392	3,073
Poultry and eggs	21	37	91	1,555	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	32	93	118	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	32	48	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	22	86	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	196	22	91	791	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	79	47	93	1,575	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	820	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 109,141
Male	567	81	Soybeans for beans 65,840
Female	253		Forage (hay/haylage), all 8,594
Age		Farm organically	Popcorn 3,616
<35	97	(Z)	Corn for silage or greenchop 1,027
35 – 64	514		
65 and older	209		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	3	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 490
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 51,674
Black or African American	4	Hire farm labor	Goats 313
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	31	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	812		Horses and ponies 702
More than one race	1		Layers 1,047
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 19
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2	95	Sheep and lambs 478
With military service	79		Turkeys 32
New and beginning farmers	205		

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.