



Thurston County Nebraska

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	309	-16
Land in farms (acres)	232,077	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	751	+11
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	207,256,000	+5
Government payments	6,000,000	+60
Farm-related income	4,771,000	-72
Total farm production expenses	179,358,000	+7
Net cash farm income	38,669,000	-24
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	670,732	+25
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	24,490	+92
Farm-related income	26,956	-65
Total farm production expenses	580,448	+27
Net cash farm income	125,142	-10

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	49
Livestock, poultry, and products	51

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	89
Pastureland	5
Woodland	4
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 14,905

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	58
Reduced till	34
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	73	24
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-	-
\$10,000 to \$24,999	6	2
\$25,000 to \$49,999	14	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29	9
\$100,000 or more	177	57

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	23	7
10 to 49 acres	44	14
50 to 179 acres	45	15
180 to 499 acres	55	18
500 to 999 acres	60	19
1,000 + acres	82	27

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	207,256	46	93	491	3,077
Crops	101,762	46	93	541	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	99,325	45	92	389	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	65	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	59	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	64	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,437	29	93	1,045	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	105,494	41	93	480	3,073
Poultry and eggs	2	69	91	2,062	3,007
Cattle and calves	99,642	38	93	127	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	19	48	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	2,496	44	86	542	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	67	48	91	1,550	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	81	93	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	476
Male	346
Female	130

Age	44
<35	44
35 – 64	272
65 and older	160

Race	15
American Indian/Alaska Native	15
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	454
More than one race	7

Other characteristics	4
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4
With military service	48
New and beginning farmers	65

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **77**

Farm organically (Z)

Sell directly to consumers **1**

Hire farm labor **36**

Are family farms **93**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	95,919
Soybeans for beans	82,433
Forage (hay/haylage), all	12,771
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,878
Oats for grain	1,298

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	440
Cattle and calves	41,297
Goats	73
Hogs and pigs	10,077
Horses and ponies	256
Layers	246
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	492
Turkeys	(D)

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.