



# Lea County New Mexico

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	555	+21
Land in farms (acres)	1,938,321	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	3,492	-19
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	192,242,000	+2
Government payments	2,204,000	-56
Farm-related income	1,888,000	-10
Total farm production expenses	172,911,000	(Z)
Net cash farm income	23,424,000	-1
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	346,383	-16
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,311	-51
Farm-related income	16,418	-25
Total farm production expenses	311,551	-17
Net cash farm income	42,205	-18

**7** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	17
Livestock, poultry, and products	83

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

Cropland	6
Pastureland	94
Woodland	(Z)
Other	(Z)

**Acres irrigated: 42,894**

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	4

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	250	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	64	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	46	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	7
\$100,000 or more	90	16

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	90	16
10 to 49 acres	113	20
50 to 179 acres	80	14
180 to 499 acres	50	9
500 to 999 acres	63	11
1,000 + acres	159	29

**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>192,242</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>33,241</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	3,645	8	30	1,751	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	10,810	2	10	175	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,889	5	30	394	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	658	11	29	580	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	344	12	26	1,153	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	13,895	4	31	179	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>159,001</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	13	19	33	1,693	3,007
Cattle and calves	34,225	5	32	451	3,055
Milk from cows	123,525	5	19	60	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	16	28	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	341	6	33	502	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	890	4	33	217	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	12	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	28	29	(D)	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>905</b>
Male	594
Female	311
<b>Age</b>	
<35	77
35 – 64	572
65 and older	256
<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	5
Asian	-
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	895
More than one race	3
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	137
With military service	82
New and beginning farmers	271

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access	<b>71</b>
Farm organically	<b>1</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>4</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>26</b>
Are family farms	<b>96</b>

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Cotton, all	16,375
Forage (hay/haylage), all	11,855
Corn for silage or greenchop	10,552
Peanuts for nuts	3,762
Vegetables harvested, all	3,234

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	60
Cattle and calves	96,690
Goats	685
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	1,847
Layers	1,352
Pullets	82
Sheep and lambs	3,027
Turkeys	48

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.