



Benson County North Dakota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	473	-16
Land in farms (acres)	750,870	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	1,587	+11
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	164,317,000	-32
Government payments	9,813,000	+30
Farm-related income	8,841,000	-8
Total farm production expenses	126,257,000	-18
Net cash farm income	56,713,000	-46
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	347,393	-19
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	26,308	+64
Farm-related income	24,626	+1
Total farm production expenses	266,928	-2
Net cash farm income	119,901	-35

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	90
Livestock, poultry, and products	10

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	78
Pastureland	17
Woodland	(Z)
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 2,028

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	23
Reduced till	34
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	8

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	138	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	21	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	34	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	7
\$100,000 or more	216	46

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	5	1
10 to 49 acres	31	7
50 to 179 acres	73	15
180 to 499 acres	86	18
500 to 999 acres	84	18
1,000 + acres	194	41

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	164,317	20	53	676	3,077
Crops	147,665	18	53	307	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	145,796	17	53	189	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	38	40	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	20	28	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	27	28	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,862	33	53	1,289	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	16,652	38	53	1,791	3,073
Poultry and eggs	3	35	52	2,034	3,007
Cattle and calves	16,205	32	53	939	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	22	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	-	-	43	-	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	44	51	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	24	53	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	375	33	51	360	2,878

Total Producers ^c	719	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 202,859
Male	536	79	Wheat for grain, all 122,254
Female	183		Corn for grain 59,722
Age		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 39,127
<35	94	(Z)	Dry edible beans 34,814
35 – 64	400		
65 and older	225	Sell directly to consumers	
Race		(Z)	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	18	Hire farm labor	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	2	36	Cattle and calves 30,315
Black or African American	-		Goats 5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Are family farms	Hogs and pigs 34
White	699	93	Horses and ponies 737
More than one race	-		Layers 240
Other characteristics			Pullets -
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4		Sheep and lambs 76
With military service	66		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	134		

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.