



Mercer County North Dakota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	317	-25
Land in farms (acres)	518,195	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	1,635	+37
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	57,168,000	-25
Government payments	4,684,000	+82
Farm-related income	5,676,000	+68
Total farm production expenses	51,097,000	-11
Net cash farm income	16,431,000	-34
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	180,340	-1
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	22,626	+163
Farm-related income	25,918	+113
Total farm production expenses	161,188	+18
Net cash farm income	51,833	-12

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	44
Livestock, poultry, and products	56

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	45
Pastureland	53
Woodland	1
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 2,431

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	25
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	80	25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	27	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	13
\$100,000 or more	106	33

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	5	2
10 to 49 acres	33	10
50 to 179 acres	71	22
180 to 499 acres	41	13
500 to 999 acres	38	12
1,000 + acres	129	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	57,168	49	53	1,648	3,077
Crops	25,030	47	53	1,517	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	23,379	47	53	1,087	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	33	40	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	28	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	7	28	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,336	42	53	1,609	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	32,138	18	53	1,282	3,073
Poultry and eggs	3	31	52	1,998	3,007
Cattle and calves	31,585	15	53	492	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	22	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	26	20	43	1,303	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	65	26	51	1,557	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	303	6	53	714	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	156	38	51	602	2,878

Total Producers ^c	511	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	78
Male	349		
Female	162	Farm organically	1
Age		Sell directly to consumers	4
<35	48	Hire farm labor	24
35 – 64	355	Are family farms	97
65 and older	108		
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	1		Cattle and calves 45,225
Black or African American	-		Goats 237
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs 204
White	508		Horses and ponies 770
More than one race	2		Layers 429
Other characteristics			Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2		Sheep and lambs 280
With military service	22		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	150		

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.