



# Mercer County Ohio

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,231	+2
Land in farms (acres)	268,958	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	218	-3
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	631,612,000	+6
Government payments	8,719,000	+14
Farm-related income	10,180,000	-37
Total farm production expenses	454,925,000	+6
Net cash farm income	195,586,000	+2
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	513,088	+4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,429	+30
Farm-related income	14,711	-38
Total farm production expenses	369,557	+4
Net cash farm income	158,883	(Z)

**7** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	20
Livestock, poultry, and products	80

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

Cropland	92
Pastureland	(Z)
Woodland	4
Other	4

**Acres irrigated: 64**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	35
Reduced till	22
Intensive till	42
Cover crop	12

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	200	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	115	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	107	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	110	9
\$100,000 or more	584	47

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	203	16
10 to 49 acres	294	24
50 to 179 acres	354	29
180 to 499 acres	235	19
500 to 999 acres	91	7
1,000 + acres	54	4

**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>631,612</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>123,310</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	119,162	6	88	292	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	77	88	1,581	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	130	49	88	1,188	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	218	68	88	1,251	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	38	72	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,697	13	88	686	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>508,302</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	256,510	1	88	26	3,007
Cattle and calves	55,434	1	88	253	3,055
Milk from cows	63,290	2	82	129	1,892
Hogs and pigs	132,764	1	88	33	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	198	41	88	787	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	48	69	88	1,825	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	33	47	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	53	88	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	82
Male	1,515		
Female	550		
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	277		
35 – 64	1,304		
65 and older	484		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	13		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	2,050	Hire farm labor	30
More than one race	2		
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	95
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10		
With military service	142		
New and beginning farmers	451		
		<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
		Cattle and calves	77,807
		Goats	261
		Hogs and pigs	317,040
		Horses and ponies	332
		Layers	5,687,390
		Pullets	1,932,967
		Sheep and lambs	1,465
		Turkeys	1,885,956

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.