



# Lehigh County Pennsylvania

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	381	-22
Land in farms (acres)	74,511	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	196	+25
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	79,216,000	-13
Government payments	1,063,000	+52
Farm-related income	2,340,000	-34
Total farm production expenses	58,361,000	-23
Net cash farm income	24,258,000	+29
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	207,916	+11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	15,188	+167
Farm-related income	14,444	-27
Total farm production expenses	153,179	-2
Net cash farm income	63,669	+64

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

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

Cropland	85
Pastureland	3
Woodland	6
Other	7

**Acres irrigated: 382**

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	29
Reduced till	26
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	16

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	96	25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	66	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	49	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	9
\$100,000 or more	70	18

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	85	22
10 to 49 acres	126	33
50 to 179 acres	98	26
180 to 499 acres	40	10
500 to 999 acres	15	4
1,000 + acres	17	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>79,216</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>57,259</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	24,216	10	66	1,069	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	4	67	269	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	3,157	10	66	261	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	8	66	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	547	16	64	79	1,384
Other crops and hay	5,494	25	66	454	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>21,957</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	18	67	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	4,291	50	63	652	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	30	67	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	110	33	67	1,205	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	716	11	63	288	2,970
Aquaculture	93	22	55	232	1,251
Other animals and animal products	174	30	67	570	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>689</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>	
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	79	
Male	441			
Female	248	Farm organically	2	
<b>Age</b>		Sell directly to consumers	23	
<35	67	Hire farm labor	34	
35 – 64	381	Are family farms	98	
65 and older	241			
<b>Race</b>			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,135
Asian	-		Cattle and calves	4,051
Black or African American	-		Goats	286
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	(D)
White	687		Horses and ponies	698
More than one race	2		Layers	5,609
<b>Other characteristics</b>			Pullets	469
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	9		Sheep and lambs	748
With military service	45		Turkeys	(D)
New and beginning farmers	160			

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.