



# Mercer County Pennsylvania

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,168	-1
Land in farms (acres)	156,397	-4
Average size of farm (acres)	134	-3
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	65,748,000	-20
Government payments	1,526,000	+11
Farm-related income	4,280,000	+65
Total farm production expenses	59,576,000	-4
Net cash farm income	11,978,000	-52
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	56,291	-19
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,970	+28
Farm-related income	9,284	+60
Total farm production expenses	51,006	-2
Net cash farm income	10,255	-51

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	54
Livestock, poultry, and products	46

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

Cropland	63
Pastureland	11
Woodland	19
Other	7

**Acres irrigated: 187**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	16
Reduced till	15
Intensive till	28
Cover crop	13

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	354	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	117	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	153	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	177	15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	109	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	121	10
\$100,000 or more	137	12

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	90	8
10 to 49 acres	360	31
50 to 179 acres	479	41
180 to 499 acres	193	17
500 to 999 acres	29	2
1,000 + acres	17	1

**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>65,748</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>35,416</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	22,515	11	66	1,097	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,010	32	67	567	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	46	66	779	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	4,144	21	66	423	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	57	64	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	6,392	22	66	396	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>30,332</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	223	39	67	880	3,007
Cattle and calves	6,853	29	67	1,497	3,055
Milk from cows	20,413	25	63	317	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	38	67	751	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	336	11	67	508	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	513	15	63	415	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	37	55	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	1,792	4	67	103	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>	
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	74	
Male	1,288			
Female	654	Farm organically	2	
<b>Age</b>		Sell directly to consumers	13	
<35	189	Hire farm labor	19	
35 – 64	1,199	Are family farms	99	
65 and older	554			
<b>Race</b>			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,364
Asian	-		Cattle and calves	25,069
Black or African American	2		Goats	1,024
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	850
White	1,933		Horses and ponies	2,036
More than one race	7		Layers	8,331
<b>Other characteristics</b>			Pullets	4,276
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	24		Sheep and lambs	2,180
With military service	190		Turkeys	843
New and beginning farmers	515			

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.