



Bennington County Vermont

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 250 | -18 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 33,079 | -20 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 132 | -2 |
| Total (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 17,549,000 | +16 |
| Government payments | 63,000 | -76 |
| Farm-related income | 805,000 | -60 |
| Total farm production expenses | 14,526,000 | -12 |
| Net cash farm income | 3,891,000 | +362 |
| Per farm average (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 70,198 | +42 |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 5,261 | -35 |
| Farm-related income | 11,842 | -36 |
| Total farm production expenses | 58,105 | +7 |
| Net cash farm income | 15,566 | +464 |

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 62 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 38 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland | 33 |
| Pastureland | 9 |
| Woodland | 51 |
| Other | 7 |

Acres irrigated: 493

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 6 |
| Reduced till | 4 |
| Intensive till | 12 |
| Cover crop | 10 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 112 | 45 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 37 | 15 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 20 | 8 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 42 | 17 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 11 | 4 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 12 | 5 |
| \$100,000 or more | 16 | 6 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 74 | 30 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 67 | 27 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 66 | 26 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 29 | 12 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 8 | 3 |
| 1,000 + acres | 6 | 2 |

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 | 17,549 | 13 | 14 | 2,450 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 10,910 | 7 | 14 | 2,008 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | (D) | 7 | 14 | 2,238 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | 530 | 11 | 14 | 942 | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | (D) | 1 | 14 | (D) | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | 1,029 | 10 | 14 | 848 | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | (D) | 5 | 13 | (D) | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,679 | 13 | 14 | 1,381 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 6,640 | 14 | 14 | 2,317 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | 13 | 14 | (D) | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 668 | 13 | 14 | 2,492 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | 5,149 | 14 | 14 | 589 | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | 10 | 13 | 14 | 1,564 | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 19 | 14 | 14 | 2,196 | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 97 | 8 | 14 | 1,462 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | 1 | 6 | (D) | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | 43 | 11 | 13 | 1,052 | 2,878 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Total Producers ^c | 436 | Percent of farms that: | Top Crops in Acres ^d |
| Sex | | Have internet access | Forage (hay/haylage), all 4,982 |
| Male | 252 | 88 | Corn for silage or greenchop 1,481 |
| Female | 184 | | Apples (D) |
| Age | | Farm organically | Cultivated Christmas trees 287 |
| <35 | 25 | 4 | Vegetables harvested, all 153 |
| 35 – 64 | 222 | | |
| 65 and older | 189 | | |
| Race | | Sell directly to consumers | Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017) |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | - | 20 | Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D) |
| Asian | - | | Cattle and calves 3,515 |
| Black or African American | - | Hire farm labor | Goats 96 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - | 22 | Hogs and pigs 56 |
| White | 434 | | Horses and ponies 409 |
| More than one race | 2 | | Layers 1,457 |
| Other characteristics | | Are family farms | Pullets 505 |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 4 | 98 | Sheep and lambs 323 |
| With military service | 63 | | Turkeys (D) |
| New and beginning farmers | 135 | | |

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.