



Benton County Washington

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,520	+1
Land in farms (acres)	613,562	-13
Average size of farm (acres)	404	-13
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	1,005,288,000	+9
Government payments	6,663,000	+7
Farm-related income	12,528,000	-15
Total farm production expenses	881,226,000	+12
Net cash farm income	143,254,000	-10
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	661,374	+8
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	62,274	+64
Farm-related income	38,430	-13
Total farm production expenses	579,754	+12
Net cash farm income	94,246	-11

10 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	77
Livestock, poultry, and products	23

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	77
Pastureland	14
Woodland	(Z)
Other	9

Acres irrigated: 204,309

33% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	736	48
\$2,500 to \$4,999	162	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	195	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	116	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	64	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41	3
\$100,000 or more	206	14

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	813	53
10 to 49 acres	420	28
50 to 179 acres	132	9
180 to 499 acres	55	4
500 to 999 acres	26	2
1,000 + acres	74	5

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	1,005,288	3	39	30	3,077
Crops	769,417	3	39	19	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	6	33	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	277,820	1	38	10	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	319,396	3	39	20	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	13	37	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	30	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	112,085	3	39	9	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	235,871	3	39	159	3,073
Poultry and eggs	135	19	39	968	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	2	39	58	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	10	29	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	87	12	39	951	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	185	20	39	846	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	652	6	39	321	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	33	33	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	208	11	39	518	2,878

Total Producers ^c	2,694	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Wheat for grain, all 103,918
Male	1,603	85	Vegetables harvested, all 91,556
Female	1,091		Potatoes 42,046
Age		Farm organically	Grapes 29,192
<35	234	2	Sweet corn 19,639
35 – 64	1,724		
65 and older	736		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	28	11	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 278
Asian	9		Cattle and calves 78,863
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 1,007
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	27	Hogs and pigs 407
White	2,623		Horses and ponies 2,083
More than one race	33		Layers 4,922
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 328
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	277	95	Sheep and lambs 1,540
With military service	346		Turkeys 202
New and beginning farmers	908		

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.