



Mercer County West Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	410	+3
Land in farms (acres)	53,142	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	130	(Z)
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	6,874,000	+76
Government payments	59,000	+72
Farm-related income	3,730,000	+202
Total farm production expenses	7,243,000	+43
Net cash farm income	3,420,000	+2359
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	16,766	+71
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,289	+5
Farm-related income	36,935	+70
Total farm production expenses	17,667	+40
Net cash farm income	8,342	+2299

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	22
Livestock, poultry, and products	78

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	23
Pastureland	26
Woodland	45
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 11

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	10
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	163	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68	17
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68	17
\$10,000 to \$24,999	64	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	26	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	3
\$100,000 or more	8	2

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	28	7
10 to 49 acres	121	30
50 to 179 acres	182	44
180 to 499 acres	57	14
500 to 999 acres	19	5
1,000 + acres	3	1

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	6,874	18	55	2,778	3,077
Crops	1,478	26	55	2,751	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	19	53	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	82	31	54	1,619	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	89	29	53	1,334	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	412	9	53	1,097	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	2	39	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	599	34	53	2,236	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	5,395	14	55	2,406	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,435	22	54	2,071	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	12	26	52	1,526	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	106	14	52	1,230	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,295	1	52	64	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	3	20	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	13	21	52	1,445	2,878

Total Producers ^c	657	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all 8,995
Male	444	69	Cultivated Christmas trees 135
Female	213		Corn for silage or greenchop 77
Age		Farm organically	Corn for grain 55
<35	45	-	Rye for grain (D)
35 – 64	368		
65 and older	244		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	7	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 26
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 5,876
Black or African American	6	Hire farm labor	Goats 445
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	12	Hogs and pigs 75
White	645		Horses and ponies 545
More than one race	4		Layers 1,738
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 443
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2	98	Sheep and lambs 643
With military service	113		Turkeys 62
New and beginning farmers	186		

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.