



Vernon County Wisconsin

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,961	-12
Land in farms (acres)	337,086	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	172	+11
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	181,543,000	-18
Government payments	1,575,000	-57
Farm-related income	7,300,000	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	147,769,000	-12
Net cash farm income	42,649,000	-33
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	92,577	-7
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,461	-32
Farm-related income	5,998	+4
Total farm production expenses	75,354	(Z)
Net cash farm income	21,749	-24

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	34
Livestock, poultry, and products	66

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	58
Pastureland	12
Woodland	25
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 1,476

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	28
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	24
Cover crop	17

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	548	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	133	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	209	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	224	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	212	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	253	13
\$100,000 or more	382	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	152	8
10 to 49 acres	458	23
50 to 179 acres	804	41
180 to 499 acres	438	22
500 to 999 acres	73	4
1,000 + acres	36	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	181,543	29	72	599	3,077
Crops	61,852	30	72	944	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	45,787	23	72	800	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,943	19	72	345	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	873	23	71	507	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,322	39	71	771	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	31	42	64	435	1,384
Other crops and hay	8,895	6	72	286	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	119,691	24	72	415	3,073
Poultry and eggs	8,155	8	72	574	3,007
Cattle and calves	34,284	15	72	450	3,055
Milk from cows	73,441	28	68	116	1,892
Hogs and pigs	501	22	71	646	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,362	7	70	127	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	531	5	69	399	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	4	52	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

3,494

Sex

Male	2,212
Female	1,282

Age

<35	483
35 – 64	2,121
65 and older	890

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	1
Asian	10
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4
White	3,477
More than one race	-

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	21
With military service	327
New and beginning farmers	831

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **70**

Farm organically **14**

Sell directly to consumers **9**

Hire farm labor **26**

Are family farms **98**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	61,349
Corn for grain	56,566
Soybeans for beans	39,645
Corn for silage or greenchop	14,273
Oats for grain	1,766

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	61,484
Cattle and calves	71,517
Goats	2,505
Hogs and pigs	1,558
Horses and ponies	3,461
Layers	160,931
Pullets	125,026
Sheep and lambs	3,781
Turkeys	65

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.