



Merced County, California Farms with American Indian or Alaska Native Producers^a

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	Farms with American Indian/Alaska Native Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	64	2,337
Land in farms (acres)	20,931	946,385
Average size of farm (acres)	327	405
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	28,823,000	2,938,396,000
Government payments	(D)	8,726,000
Farm-related income	235,000	80,652,000
Total farm production expenses	25,419,000	2,472,837,000
Net cash farm income	3,750,000	554,937,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	450,359	1,257,337
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	(D)	29,884
Farm-related income	13,058	79,071
Total farm production expenses	397,176	1,058,125
Net cash farm income	58,590	237,457

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	(D)
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^b

Cropland	72
Pastureland	22
Woodland	-
Other	5

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	17	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	10	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	11
\$100,000 or more	13	20
Total	64	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	19	30
10 to 49 acres	24	38
50 to 179 acres	12	19
180 to 499 acres	5	8
500 to 999 acres	-	-
1,000 + acres	4	6
Total	64	100

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold		Total Producers ^c	
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms	
Total	28,823	64	85
Crops	(D)	41	Sex
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	706	6	Male
Tobacco	-	-	Female
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	1	
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	8	Age
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	19,524	31	<35
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	35 – 64
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	65 and older
Other crops and hay	(D)	11	
			Primary occupation
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)	13	Farming
Poultry and eggs	7	5	Other
Cattle and calves	(D)	10	
Milk from cows	-	-	Days worked off farm
Hogs and pigs	-	-	None
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	24	5	1 to 199
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	4	200 +
Aquaculture	-	-	
Other animals and animal products	(D)	3	Other characteristics
			Hispanic/Latino/Spanish
			With military service
			New and beginning farmers
			<i>Average age (years)</i>
			55.2
Top Crops in Acres ^d		Percent of farms that:	
Almonds	7,256	Have internet access	78
Forage (hay/haylage), all	(D)	Farm organically	2
Cotton, all	(D)	Sell directly to consumers	3
Vegetables harvested, all	(D)	Hire farm labor	23
Corn for silage	(D)	Are family farms	92
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	87		
Cattle and calves	868		
Goats	210		
Hogs and pigs	-		
Horses and ponies	(D)		
Layers	180		
Pullets	63		
Sheep and lambs	-		
Turkeys	96		

Demographic Data in the Census of Agriculture

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Merced County, California Farms with Asian Producers^a

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	Farms with Asian Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	190	2,337
Land in farms (acres)	29,624	946,385
Average size of farm (acres)	156	405
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	105,546,000	2,938,396,000
Government payments	(D)	8,726,000
Farm-related income	6,857,000	80,652,000
Total farm production expenses	89,900,000	2,472,837,000
Net cash farm income	22,629,000	554,937,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	555,505	1,257,337
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	(D)	29,884
Farm-related income	77,046	79,071
Total farm production expenses	473,158	1,058,125
Net cash farm income	119,099	237,457

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	(D)
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)

Land in Farms by Use (%)^b

Cropland	90
Pastureland	(D)
Woodland	(D)
Other	(D)

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	8
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	18	9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	-	-
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-	-
\$10,000 to \$24,999	25	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	9	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	8
\$100,000 or more	122	64
Total	190	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	38	20
10 to 49 acres	49	26
50 to 179 acres	54	28
180 to 499 acres	39	21
500 to 999 acres	7	4
1,000 + acres	3	2
Total	190	100

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold		Total Producers ^c	
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms	
Total	105,546	190	294
Crops	(D)	178	Sex
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	Male 219
Tobacco	-	-	Female 75
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	Age
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	45	<35 29
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	87,229	147	35 – 64 199
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	3	65 and older 66
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	Primary occupation
Other crops and hay	-	-	Farming 179
			Other 115
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)	2	Days worked off farm
Poultry and eggs	-	-	None 105
Cattle and calves	-	-	1 to 199 101
Milk from cows	-	-	200 + 88
Hogs and pigs	-	-	Other characteristics
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	-	-	Hispanic/Latino/Spanish 5
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	-	-	With military service 15
Aquaculture	-	-	New and beginning farmers 70
Other animals and animal products	(D)	2	<i>Average age (years)</i> 55.1
Top Crops in Acres ^d		Percent of farms that:	
Almonds	17,018	Have internet access	67
Vegetables harvested, all	2,297	Farm organically	3
Sweet potatoes	(D)	Sell directly to consumers	14
Walnuts, English	1,644	Hire farm labor	66
Pistachios	1,515	Are family farms	87
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)		Demographic Data in the Census of Agriculture	
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-	The agriculture census is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Demographic information is available at national, state, and county levels, and for classes of farm and congressional districts. Results from the 2017 Census and earlier are available through the searchable database Quick Stats, the new Census Data Query Tool, downloadable PDF reports, maps, and topic-specific Highlights and Profiles.	
Cattle and calves	-	See also the video "What's New in the 2017 Census?" (www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/VideoFeatures/index.php).	
Goats	12		
Hogs and pigs	-		
Horses and ponies	-		
Layers	30		
Pullets	-		
Sheep and lambs	15		
Turkeys	-		

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Merced County, California Farms with Black or African American Producers^a

Data not available at this geographic level for farms with Black or African American Producers.

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Merced County, California Farms with Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Producers^a

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Merced County, California Farms with White Producers^a

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	Farms with White Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	2,131	2,337
Land in farms (acres)	905,704	946,385
Average size of farm (acres)	425	405
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	2,814,530,000	2,938,396,000
Government payments	8,590,000	8,726,000
Farm-related income	74,022,000	80,652,000
Total farm production expenses	2,369,400,000	2,472,837,000
Net cash farm income	527,743,000	554,937,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	1,320,756	1,257,337
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	29,932	29,884
Farm-related income	79,423	79,071
Total farm production expenses	1,111,873	1,058,125
Net cash farm income	247,650	237,457

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	42
Livestock, poultry, and products	58

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^b

Cropland	57
Pastureland	39
Woodland	(D)
Other	(D)

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	391	18
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	201	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	160	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	190	9
\$100,000 or more	976	46
Total	2,131	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	338	16
10 to 49 acres	810	38
50 to 179 acres	411	19
180 to 499 acres	249	12
500 to 999 acres	157	7
1,000 + acres	166	8
Total	2,131	100

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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold			Total Producers ^c		
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms	3,797		
Total	2,814,530	2,131			
Crops	1,188,271	1,381			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	50,315	225			
Tobacco	-	-			
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	92			
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	365,216	168			
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	630,829	970			
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	13			
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	44	3			
Other crops and hay	(D)	354			
Livestock, poultry, and products	1,626,259	647			
Poultry and eggs	421,971	63			
Cattle and calves	181,746	474			
Milk from cows	1,012,944	188			
Hogs and pigs	131	19			
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	4,660	103			
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	36			
Aquaculture	2,314	5			
Other animals and animal products	(D)	36			
			Sex		
			Male		
			Female		
			Age		
			<35		
			35 – 64		
			65 and older		
			Primary occupation		
			Farming		
			Other		
			Days worked off farm		
			None		
			1 to 199		
			200 +		
			Other characteristics		
			Hispanic/Latino/Spanish		
			With military service		
			New and beginning farmers		
			<i>Average age (years)</i>		
			57.2		
Top Crops in Acres ^d			Demographic Data in the Census of Agriculture		
Forage (hay/haylage), all	135,809		<p>The agriculture census is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Demographic information is available at national, state, and county levels, and for classes of farm and congressional districts. Results from the 2017 Census and earlier are available through the searchable database Quick Stats, the new Census Data Query Tool, downloadable PDF reports, maps, and topic-specific Highlights and Profiles.</p> <p>See also the video "What's New in the 2017 Census?" (www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/VideoFeatures/index.php).</p>		
Almonds	118,198	Have internet access		80	
Corn for silage	81,698	Farm organically		3	
Vegetables harvested, all	55,285	Sell directly to consumers		3	
Cotton, all	(D)	Hire farm labor		49	
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)				Are family farms	91
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)				
Cattle and calves	563,640				
Goats	9,674				
Hogs and pigs	1,007				
Horses and ponies	1,259				
Layers	3,516,749				
Pullets	1,132,846				
Sheep and lambs	25,220				
Turkeys	817,377				

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Merced County, California Farms with Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Producers

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	Farms with Hispanic/Latino/Spanish Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	437	2,337
Land in farms (acres)	81,894	946,385
Average size of farm (acres)	187	405
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	589,311,000	2,938,396,000
Government payments	1,150,000	8,726,000
Farm-related income	7,309,000	80,652,000
Total farm production expenses	478,548,000	2,472,837,000
Net cash farm income	119,223,000	554,937,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	1,348,538	1,257,337
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	23,958	29,884
Farm-related income	42,997	79,071
Total farm production expenses	1,095,075	1,058,125
Net cash farm income	272,821	237,457

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	16
Livestock, poultry, and products	84

Land in Farms by Use (%)^b

Cropland	73
Pastureland	16
Woodland	(D)
Other	(D)

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	16
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	82	19
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	54	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	33	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48	11
\$100,000 or more	169	39
Total	437	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	88	20
10 to 49 acres	196	45
50 to 179 acres	94	22
180 to 499 acres	26	6
500 to 999 acres	18	4
1,000 + acres	15	3
Total	437	100

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold		Total Producers ^c	
	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms	
Total	589,311	437	641
Crops	93,566	298	Sex
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	23	Male 432
Tobacco	-	-	Female 209
Cotton and cottonseed	13,220	17	Age
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	28,749	44	<35 68
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	43,640	201	35 – 64 442
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	1	65 and older 131
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	Race
Other crops and hay	4,890	63	American Indian/Alaska Native 30
			Asian 5
			Black/African American -
			Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 6
			White 589
			More than one race 11
Livestock, poultry, and products	495,745	115	Primary occupation
Poultry and eggs	335,943	27	Farming 357
Cattle and calves	15,208	68	Other 284
Milk from cows	142,523	28	Days worked off farm
Hogs and pigs	-	-	None 216
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,894	32	1 to 199 150
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	34	8	200 + 275
Aquaculture	-	-	Other characteristics
Other animals and animal products	143	14	With military service 38
			New and beginning farmers 176
			<i>Average age (years)</i> 54.3
Top Crops in Acres ^d		Percent of farms that:	Demographic Data in the Census of Agriculture
Forage (hay/haylage), all	19,296	Have internet access 75	The agriculture census is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Demographic information is available at national, state, and county levels, and for classes of farm and congressional districts. Results from the 2017 Census and earlier are available through the searchable database Quick Stats, the new Census Data Query Tool, downloadable PDF reports, maps, and topic-specific Highlights and Profiles. See also the video "What's New in the 2017 Census?" (www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/VideoFeatures/index.php).
Corn for silage	10,316	Farm organically 3	
Almonds	9,081	Sell directly to consumers 6	
Cotton, all	8,889	Hire farm labor 43	
Vegetables harvested, all	6,262	Are family farms 93	
Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)		
Cattle and calves	69,668		
Goats	5,753		
Hogs and pigs	(D)		
Horses and ponies	223		
Layers	2,396		
Pullets	123		
Sheep and lambs	20,965		
Turkeys	(D)		

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Merced County, California Farms with Female Producers

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	Farms with Female Producers	All Farms
Number of farms	1,144	2,337
Land in farms (acres)	352,789	946,385
Average size of farm (acres)	308	405
Total	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	1,208,497,000	2,938,396,000
Government payments	4,429,000	8,726,000
Farm-related income	23,981,000	80,652,000
Total farm production expenses	1,026,444,000	2,472,837,000
Net cash farm income	210,463,000	554,937,000
Per farm average	(\$)	(\$)
Market value of products sold	1,056,378	1,257,337
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	31,637	29,884
Farm-related income	46,837	79,071
Total farm production expenses	897,241	1,058,125
Net cash farm income	183,971	237,457

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	29
Livestock, poultry, and products	71

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^b

Cropland	53
Pastureland	41
Woodland	(Z)
Other	5

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent ^b
Less than \$2,500	231	20
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	120	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	86	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	121	11
\$100,000 or more	471	41
Total	1,144	100

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent ^b
1 to 9 acres	187	16
10 to 49 acres	498	44
50 to 179 acres	224	20
180 to 499 acres	107	9
500 to 999 acres	67	6
1,000 + acres	61	5
Total	1,144	100

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE Race/Ethnicity/Gender Profile

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	No. of Farms
Total	1,208,497	1,144
Crops	353,976	710
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	97
Tobacco	-	-
Cotton and cottonseed	24,705	30
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	77,482	55
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	202,903	523
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	11
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	2
Other crops and hay	20,425	153
Livestock, poultry, and products	854,521	374
Poultry and eggs	(D)	43
Cattle and calves	67,106	261
Milk from cows	494,374	101
Hogs and pigs	14	15
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	2,708	81
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	26
Aquaculture	(D)	2
Other animals and animal products	892	19

Total Producers ^c

1,275

Age

<35	99
35 – 64	767
65 and older	409

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	14
Asian	75
Black/African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3
White	1,167
More than one race	16

Primary occupation

Farming	507
Other	768

Days worked off farm

None	516
1 to 199	318
200 +	441

Other characteristics

Hispanic/Latino/Spanish	209
With military service	-
New and beginning farmers	312

Average age (years)

57.3

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	54,503
Almonds	42,393
Corn for silage	34,924
Cotton, all	15,046
Vegetables harvested, all	14,273

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **81**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **4**

Hire farm labor **46**

Are family farms **94**

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	249,535
Goats	6,815
Hogs and pigs	169
Horses and ponies	862
Layers	1,259
Pullets	123
Sheep and lambs	12,817
Turkeys	199,221

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