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**Fort Belknap Farm Numbers**

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The market value of agriculture products sold for Fort Belknap was $25,157,000.

The market value of agricultural products sold for Fort Belknap and operated by American Indians was $16,032,000.

In 2012, 10 farms planted 8,045 acres of Winter Wheat for grain which resulted in the production of 303,524 bushels.

Total Hay acreage planted was 21,485 resulting in the production of 28,583 Tons of Hay and Haylage.

The average age of the Fort Belknap Farmer is 55 years old.

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