



Desha County Arkansas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	275	+13
Land in farms (acres)	311,484	+17
Average size of farm (acres)	1,133	+3
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	168,140,000	-21
Government payments	9,994,000	+32
Farm-related income	7,254,000	+13
Total farm production expenses	126,851,000	+9
Net cash farm income	58,537,000	-47
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	611,420	-30
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	45,843	+29
Farm-related income	57,118	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	461,276	-3
Net cash farm income	212,863	-53

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	96
Livestock, poultry, and products	4

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	90
Pastureland	(Z)
Woodland	7
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 249,369

80% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	28
Intensive till	41
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	82	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	26	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	9	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	6
\$100,000 or more	119	43

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	2	1
10 to 49 acres	52	19
50 to 179 acres	72	26
180 to 499 acres	32	12
500 to 999 acres	21	8
1,000 + acres	96	35

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	168,140	23	75	658	3,077
Crops	161,113	8	75	254	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	147,377	6	50	184	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	12	23	144	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	16	72	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	56	72	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	55	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	73	75	2,757	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	7,027	57	75	2,296	3,073
Poultry and eggs	1	68	72	2,084	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	72	75	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	-	-	62	-	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	-	-	70	-	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	-	-	70	-	2,970
Aquaculture	6,867	4	29	50	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	436	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 206,977
Male	311	76	Corn for grain 28,905
Female	125		Rice 17,510
Age		Farm organically	Cotton, all 17,037
<35	14	-	Wheat for grain, all 2,034
35 – 64	275		
65 and older	147		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	8	(Z)	Broilers and other meat-type chickens -
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 533
Black or African American	52	Hire farm labor	Goats 75
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	52	Hogs and pigs -
White	372		Horses and ponies 49
More than one race	4		Layers 100
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets -
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6	90	Sheep and lambs -
With military service	50		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	119		

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.