



# Howard County Arkansas

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	586	+6
Land in farms (acres)	150,126	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	256	-4
<b>Total</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	262,076,000	+46
Government payments	83,000	-16
Farm-related income	1,010,000	-31
Total farm production expenses	168,107,000	+1
Net cash farm income	95,062,000	+588
<b>Per farm average</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	447,229	+38
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,621	+204
Farm-related income	4,741	-23
Total farm production expenses	286,871	-5
Net cash farm income	162,223	+548

**3** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	1
Livestock, poultry, and products	99

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	23
Pastureland	42
Woodland	31
Other	4

**Acres irrigated: 434**

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	1
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	2
Cover crop	1

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	130	22
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	78	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	42	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	3
\$100,000 or more	210	36

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	39	7
10 to 49 acres	124	21
50 to 179 acres	222	38
180 to 499 acres	145	25
500 to 999 acres	45	8
1,000 + acres	11	2

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>262,076</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	50	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	64	72	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	28	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	1,701	23	75	1,374	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>260,273</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	227,495	6	72	37	3,007
Cattle and calves	17,879	13	75	863	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	21	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	14,790	1	62	318	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	35	70	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	67	31	70	1,654	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	29	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	30	65	(D)	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,016**

**Sex**

Male	617
Female	399

**Age**

<35	96
35 – 64	638
65 and older	282

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	46
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	964
More than one race	6

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	17
With military service	73
New and beginning farmers	260

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **69**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **1**

Hire farm labor **29**

Are family farms **97**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Forage (hay/haylage), all	29,086
Land in berries	11
Blueberries, all	(D)
Peaches, all	7
Apples	5

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	8,443,340
Cattle and calves	44,029
Goats	98
Hogs and pigs	22,683
Horses and ponies	648
Layers	690,940
Pullets	639,654
Sheep and lambs	404
Turkeys	(D)

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.