San Luis Obispo County
California

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,349	-12
Land in farms (acres)	931,291	-30
Average size of farm (acres)	396	-21
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	701,590,000	+6
Government payments	4,285,000	+23
Farm-related income	26,546,000	-38
Total farm production expenses	633,329,000	+6
Net cash farm income	99,093,000	-13
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	298,676	+20
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	19,478	+35
Farm-related income	36,265	-20
Total farm production expenses	269,616	+20
Net cash farm income	42,185	-1

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	95
Livestock, poultry, and products	5

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	26
Pastureland	57
Woodland	11
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 75,766

8% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	15

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	726	31
$2,500 to $4,999	165	7
$5,000 to $9,999	202	9
$10,000 to $24,999	342	15
$25,000 to $49,999	257	11
$50,000 to $99,999	189	8
$100,000 or more	468	20

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	606	26
10 to 49 acres	718	31
50 to 179 acres	497	21
180 to 499 acres	223	9
500 to 999 acres	122	5
1,000 + acres	183	8

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**701,590**	**16**	**58**	**54**	**3,077**
Crops	**667,915**	**15**	**58**	**21**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	25	48	1,850	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	194,425	10	56	16	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	392,786	14	57	16	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	73,336	14	54	39	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	7	33	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,540	24	55	554	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**33,676**	**24**	**58**	**1,231**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	31	56	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	23,145	21	57	701	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	28	41	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	198	11	55	752	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	2,385	10	56	67	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	3,080	5	55	51	2,970
Aquaculture	3,027	10	40	90	1,251
Other animals and animal products	739	17	57	218	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**4,211**
Sex	
Male	2,494
Female	1,717
Age	
<35	254
35 – 64	2,276
65 and older	1,681
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	33
Asian	125
Black or African American	3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	10
White	3,982
More than one race	58
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	333
With military service	429
New and beginning farmers	1,328

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**84**
Farm organically	**4**
Sell directly to consumers	**12**
Hire farm labor	**37**
Are family farms	**92**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Grapes	36,029
Vegetables harvested, all	20,163
Forage (hay/haylage), all	14,232
Barley for grain	8,630
Broccoli	4,750

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	571
Cattle and calves	41,835
Goats	1,870
Hogs and pigs	431
Horses and ponies	5,818
Layers	8,475
Pullets	2,648
Sheep and lambs	15,581
Turkeys	276

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.