Simpson County
Kentucky

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	471	+1
Land in farms (acres)	110,864	+9
Average size of farm (acres)	235	+8
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	78,967,000	+7
Government payments	1,628,000	-32
Farm-related income	3,792,000	-43
Total farm production expenses	57,676,000	-1
Net cash farm income	26,711,000	+8
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	167,658	+6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,660	-3
Farm-related income	19,346	-34
Total farm production expenses	122,455	-2
Net cash farm income	56,710	+7

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	65
Livestock, poultry, and products	35

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	80
Pastureland	10
Woodland	7
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 301

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	15
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	10
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	204	43
$2,500 to $4,999	43	9
$5,000 to $9,999	38	8
$10,000 to $24,999	50	11
$25,000 to $49,999	46	10
$50,000 to $99,999	19	4
$100,000 or more	71	15

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	53	11
10 to 49 acres	197	42
50 to 179 acres	137	29
180 to 499 acres	40	8
500 to 999 acres	13	3
1,000 + acres	31	7

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	**78,967**	**24**	**120**	**1,369**	**3,077**
Crops	**50,943**	**13**	**120**	**1,072**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	46,019	12	116	796	2,916
Tobacco	3,613	28	94	91	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	122	55	118	1,472	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	10	82	114	1,808	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	145	54	103	1,351	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,034	69	120	1,841	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**28,024**	**37**	**120**	**1,381**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	17	120	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	3,954	63	120	1,818	3,055
Milk from cows	1,140	28	77	911	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	23	114	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	62	59	118	1,597	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	16	115	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	16	53	111	1,367	2,878

Total Producers [c] — 787

Sex
Male — 547
Female — 240

Age
<35 — 66
35 – 64 — 460
65 and older — 261

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native — -
Asian — -
Black or African American — 2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — -
White — 784
More than one race — 1

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin — 2
With military service — 90
New and beginning farmers — 218

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access — **77**

Farm organically — **-**

Sell directly to consumers — **3**

Hire farm labor — **25**

Are family farms — **97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans	35,776
Corn for grain	32,239
Wheat for grain, all	20,887
Forage (hay/haylage), all	8,979
Tobacco	614

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	80
Cattle and calves	9,065
Goats	235
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	694
Layers	1,030
Pullets	127,200
Sheep and lambs	552
Turkeys	48

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.