Spencer County
Kentucky

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	606	+15
Land in farms (acres)	74,197	+7
Average size of farm (acres)	122	-6
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	18,279,000	+17
Government payments	255,000	-48
Farm-related income	2,064,000	+82
Total farm production expenses	16,588,000	+8
Net cash farm income	4,010,000	+115
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	30,163	+2
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,669	+163
Farm-related income	13,400	+69
Total farm production expenses	27,373	-6
Net cash farm income	6,617	+88

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	75
Livestock, poultry, and products	25

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	47
Pastureland	28
Woodland	19
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 61

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	10
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	260	43
$2,500 to $4,999	76	13
$5,000 to $9,999	98	16
$10,000 to $24,999	82	14
$25,000 to $49,999	37	6
$50,000 to $99,999	25	4
$100,000 or more	28	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	61	10
10 to 49 acres	238	39
50 to 179 acres	193	32
180 to 499 acres	94	16
500 to 999 acres	14	2
1,000 + acres	6	1

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	**18,279**	**71**	**120**	**2,419**	**3,077**
Crops	**13,736**	**53**	**120**	**1,873**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	7,429	48	116	1,488	2,916
Tobacco	3,522	29	94	93	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	185	46	118	1,305	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	40	47	114	1,597	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,587	12	103	717	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	31	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	974	71	120	1,899	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**4,543**	**75**	**120**	**2,478**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	54	65	120	1,213	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,124	60	120	1,794	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	60	77	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	33	78	118	1,972	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	210	46	115	924	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	26	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	40	33	111	1,070	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**1,012**
Sex	
Male	648
Female	364
Age	
<35	66
35 – 64	582
65 and older	364
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	4
Asian	1
Black or African American	4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	992
More than one race	11
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3
With military service	131
New and beginning farmers	325

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**75**
Farm organically	**-**
Sell directly to consumers	**6**
Hire farm labor	**15**
Are family farms	**97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	14,451
Soybeans for beans	10,074
Corn for grain	3,706
Tobacco	790
Sod harvested	540

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	145
Cattle and calves	13,243
Goats	153
Hogs and pigs	73
Horses and ponies	675
Layers	1,414
Pullets	141
Sheep and lambs	277
Turkeys	25

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.