



Dakota County Minnesota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	820	-8
Land in farms (acres)	227,081	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	277	+12
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	235,415,000	-2
Government payments	2,990,000	-23
Farm-related income	9,066,000	-28
Total farm production expenses	189,288,000	+6
Net cash farm income	58,183,000	-26
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	287,091	+6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,399	+5
Farm-related income	21,232	-7
Total farm production expenses	230,839	+15
Net cash farm income	70,955	-20

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	76
Livestock, poultry, and products	24

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	90
Pastureland	2
Woodland	2
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 62,812

28% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	31
Intensive till	33
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	219	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	51	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	78	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	70	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	65	8
\$100,000 or more	276	34

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	156	19
10 to 49 acres	242	30
50 to 179 acres	162	20
180 to 499 acres	131	16
500 to 999 acres	79	10
1,000 + acres	50	6

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	235,415	37	87	397	3,077
Crops	179,531	22	87	193	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	98,346	45	85	394	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	28,866	3	86	106	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	891	8	84	499	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	50,206	1	82	57	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	33	19	54	425	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,189	57	87	1,715	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	55,884	47	87	873	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	37	87	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	30,931	19	87	501	3,055
Milk from cows	14,777	30	80	363	1,892
Hogs and pigs	4,132	46	85	492	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	187	21	84	1,015	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	28	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	367	21	85	366	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,338

Sex

Male	903
Female	435

Age

<35	123
35 – 64	817
65 and older	398

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	94
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,240
More than one race	2

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	11
With military service	140
New and beginning farmers	302

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **78**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **11**

Hire farm labor **30**

Are family farms **93**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	103,411
Soybeans for beans	65,489
Vegetables harvested, all	16,613
Forage (hay/haylage), all	7,864
Sweet corn	7,068

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	522
Cattle and calves	22,749
Goats	450
Hogs and pigs	14,493
Horses and ponies	980
Layers	2,645
Pullets	192
Sheep and lambs	1,024
Turkeys	(D)

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.