



Meeker County Minnesota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,028	-10
Land in farms (acres)	301,439	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	293	+11
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	265,151,000	-9
Government payments	5,200,000	-18
Farm-related income	12,222,000	-18
Total farm production expenses	214,893,000	-4
Net cash farm income	67,680,000	-25
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	257,929	+1
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,942	-3
Farm-related income	19,156	-8
Total farm production expenses	209,040	+8
Net cash farm income	65,836	-16

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	45
Livestock, poultry, and products	55

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	87
Pastureland	2
Woodland	4
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 8,832

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	20
Intensive till	32
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	385	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	73	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	85	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	62	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	117	11
\$100,000 or more	269	26

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	108	11
10 to 49 acres	253	25
50 to 179 acres	307	30
180 to 499 acres	206	20
500 to 999 acres	78	8
1,000 + acres	76	7

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	265,151	30	87	330	3,077
Crops	118,463	43	87	441	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	111,034	42	85	324	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,201	33	86	440	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	45	55	84	1,563	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	471	38	82	1,060	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	321	4	54	122	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,391	33	87	755	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	146,689	22	87	316	3,073
Poultry and eggs	86,027	5	87	176	3,007
Cattle and calves	27,020	24	87	586	3,055
Milk from cows	30,966	18	80	244	1,892
Hogs and pigs	1,459	53	85	572	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	187	32	85	835	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	534	7	84	395	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	10	28	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,648

Sex

Male 1,133
Female 515

Age

<35 119
35 – 64 992
65 and older 537

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 3
Asian 3
Black or African American -
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 1,638
More than one race 4

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 5
With military service 154
New and beginning farmers 264

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **77**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **5**

Hire farm labor **23**

Are family farms **97**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans 110,033
Corn for grain 107,299
Forage (hay/haylage), all 10,431
Corn for silage or greenchop 5,482
Vegetables harvested, all 2,630

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 621
Cattle and calves 30,487
Goats 363
Hogs and pigs 5,135
Horses and ponies 526
Layers (D)
Pullets (D)
Sheep and lambs 1,158
Turkeys 1,041,083

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.