



Carter County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	323	-1
Land in farms (acres)	1,767,723	-1
Average size of farm (acres)	5,473	+1
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	70,628,000	-15
Government payments	7,229,000	+260
Farm-related income	4,923,000	+4
Total farm production expenses	56,878,000	-1
Net cash farm income	25,902,000	-21
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	218,664	-14
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	32,565	+208
Farm-related income	26,466	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	176,094	+1
Net cash farm income	80,193	-20

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	8
Livestock, poultry, and products	92

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	14
Pastureland	84
Woodland	1
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 2,312

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	16
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	47	15
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	16	5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	23	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	9
\$100,000 or more	181	56

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	8	2
10 to 49 acres	6	2
50 to 179 acres	19	6
180 to 499 acres	29	9
500 to 999 acres	29	9
1,000 + acres	232	72

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	70,628	23	56	1,465	3,077
Crops	5,998	42	56	2,284	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	4,444	39	54	1,687	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	36	42	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	27	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	34	35	1,624	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	47	56	1,475	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	64,630	7	56	780	3,073
Poultry and eggs	4	38	53	1,948	3,007
Cattle and calves	60,494	8	56	226	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	25	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	-	-	54	-	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	3,073	1	55	50	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	20	56	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	16	52	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	644	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	80
Male	399		
Female	245	Farm organically	(Z)
Age		Sell directly to consumers	(Z)
<35	59		
35 – 64	408	Hire farm labor	46
65 and older	177		
Race		Are family farms	90
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	1		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	638		
More than one race	5		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10		
With military service	29		
New and beginning farmers	144		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
			Cattle and calves 91,252
			Goats 76
			Hogs and pigs -
			Horses and ponies 1,063
			Layers 465
			Pullets 36
			Sheep and lambs 20,734
			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.