



Valley County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 557 | -15 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 1,630,027 | (Z) |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 2,926 | +17 |
| Total (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 96,553,000 | -36 |
| Government payments | 13,469,000 | +49 |
| Farm-related income | 25,998,000 | +281 |
| Total farm production expenses | 112,756,000 | +5 |
| Net cash farm income | 23,263,000 | -61 |
| Per farm average (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 173,344 | -25 |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 32,300 | +87 |
| Farm-related income | 82,271 | +395 |
| Total farm production expenses | 202,434 | +23 |
| Net cash farm income | 41,765 | -54 |

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 55 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 45 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Cropland | 48 |
| Pastureland | 50 |
| Woodland | (Z) |
| Other | 2 |

Acres irrigated: 45,099

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 24 |
| Reduced till | 18 |
| Intensive till | 9 |
| Cover crop | 1 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 150 | 27 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 28 | 5 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 32 | 6 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 34 | 6 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 46 | 8 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 52 | 9 |
| \$100,000 or more | 215 | 39 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 11 | 2 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 41 | 7 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 76 | 14 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 97 | 17 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 62 | 11 |
| 1,000 + acres | 270 | 48 |

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 | 96,553 | 13 | 56 | 1,175 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 53,295 | 11 | 56 | 1,052 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 45,544 | 9 | 54 | 801 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | - | - | 42 | - | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | (D) | 25 | 27 | (D) | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | (D) | 23 | 35 | (D) | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 9 | - | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 7,693 | 17 | 56 | 329 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 43,258 | 18 | 56 | 1,048 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | 3 | 40 | 53 | 1,995 | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 42,460 | 16 | 56 | 352 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | - | - | 25 | - | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | 47 | 54 | (D) | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 89 | 42 | 55 | 1,367 | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 153 | 32 | 56 | 1,163 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | 3 | 13 | (D) | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | (D) | (D) | 52 | (D) | 2,878 |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Total Producers ^c | 899 | Percent of farms that: | Top Crops in Acres ^d |
| Sex | | Have internet access | Wheat for grain, all 287,395 |
| Male | 575 | 74 | Forage (hay/haylage), all 68,189 |
| Female | 324 | | Lentils 67,856 |
| Age | | Farm organically | Dry edible peas 49,330 |
| <35 | 69 | (Z) | Canola 26,854 |
| 35 – 64 | 501 | | |
| 65 and older | 329 | | |
| Race | | Sell directly to consumers | Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017) |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 10 | 1 | Broilers and other meat-type chickens 12 |
| Asian | 2 | | Cattle and calves 61,831 |
| Black or African American | 3 | | Goats 14 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - | | Hogs and pigs (D) |
| White | 882 | Hire farm labor | Horses and ponies 631 |
| More than one race | 2 | 26 | Layers 442 |
| Other characteristics | | Are family farms | Pullets (D) |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 7 | 94 | Sheep and lambs 554 |
| With military service | 73 | | Turkeys - |
| New and beginning farmers | 200 | | |

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.