



Wheatland County Montana

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	174	+13
Land in farms (acres)	860,203	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	4,944	-13
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	43,103,000	-8
Government payments	2,221,000	+46
Farm-related income	1,359,000	-9
Total farm production expenses	34,999,000	-1
Net cash farm income	11,684,000	-19
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	247,719	-19
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	25,240	+41
Farm-related income	16,183	-32
Total farm production expenses	201,146	-13
Net cash farm income	67,150	-28

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	20
Livestock, poultry, and products	80

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	16
Pastureland	80
Woodland	3
Other	(Z)

Acres irrigated: 23,019

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	18
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	28	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	5
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	24	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	18	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26	15
\$100,000 or more	59	34

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	9	5
10 to 49 acres	11	6
50 to 179 acres	22	13
180 to 499 acres	23	13
500 to 999 acres	20	11
1,000 + acres	89	51

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	43,103	36	56	1,893	3,077
Crops	8,753	38	56	2,103	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	7,047	32	54	1,515	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	103	16	42	1,535	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	27	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	35	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	9	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,603	46	56	1,429	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	34,350	25	56	1,215	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	15	53	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	24,233	29	56	660	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	13	25	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	4,503	5	54	481	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	2,260	2	55	71	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	45	47	56	1,846	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	13	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	5	52	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	335
Male	201
Female	134

Age	
<35	30
35 – 64	159
65 and older	146

Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	335
More than one race	-

Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-
With military service	32
New and beginning farmers	89

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **78**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **33**

Are family farms **91**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	38,557
Wheat for grain, all	26,943
Barley for grain	6,575
Dry edible peas	5,222
Lentils	2,400

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	43,006
Goats	340
Hogs and pigs	17,083
Horses and ponies	462
Layers	248
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	12,523
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.