Valley County
Nebraska

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	362	-10
Land in farms (acres)	350,834	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	969	+12
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	223,891,000	+9
Government payments	4,664,000	+68
Farm-related income	8,470,000	+6
Total farm production expenses	204,849,000	+12
Net cash farm income	32,176,000	-2
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	618,484	+21
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	18,730	+103
Farm-related income	37,643	+26
Total farm production expenses	565,880	+24
Net cash farm income	88,883	+9

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	35
Livestock, poultry, and products	65

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	49
Pastureland	48
Woodland	(Z)
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 111,336

32% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	35
Reduced till	23
Intensive till	16
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	55	15
$2,500 to $4,999	20	6
$5,000 to $9,999	17	5
$10,000 to $24,999	22	6
$25,000 to $49,999	37	10
$50,000 to $99,999	32	9
$100,000 or more	179	49

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	30	8
10 to 49 acres	35	10
50 to 179 acres	76	21
180 to 499 acres	58	16
500 to 999 acres	58	16
1,000 + acres	105	29

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**223,891**	**42**	**93**	**428**	**3,077**
Crops	**77,667**	**57**	**93**	**752**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	75,289	55	92	535	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	65	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	39	59	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	44	64	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	33	93	1,072	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**146,224**	**27**	**93**	**318**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	11	48	91	1,752	3,007
Cattle and calves	145,426	22	93	87	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	48	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	169	63	86	778	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	111	33	91	1,195	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	10	77	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c] — 584

Sex
Male — 413
Female — 171

Age
<35 — 21
35 – 64 — 386
65 and older — 177

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native — -
Asian — -
Black or African American — -
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — -
White — 583
More than one race — 1

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin — 1
With military service — 65
New and beginning farmers — 105

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access — **83**

Farm organically — **1**

Sell directly to consumers — **-**

Hire farm labor — **43**

Are family farms — **95**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Corn for grain	76,415
Soybeans for beans	43,056
Forage (hay/haylage), all	24,429
Corn for silage or greenchop	3,592
Popcorn	2,360

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	103,629
Goats	232
Hogs and pigs	1,054
Horses and ponies	330
Layers	666
Pullets	100
Sheep and lambs	395
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.