



Wells County North Dakota

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	435	-20
Land in farms (acres)	785,692	+6
Average size of farm (acres)	1,806	+33
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	208,249,000	-23
Government payments	10,874,000	+40
Farm-related income	7,322,000	-2
Total farm production expenses	151,647,000	-2
Net cash farm income	74,798,000	-43
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	478,732	-4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	31,156	+87
Farm-related income	24,991	+14
Total farm production expenses	348,614	+22
Net cash farm income	171,948	-29

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	89
Livestock, poultry, and products	11

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	85
Pastureland	13
Woodland	(Z)
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 1,010

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	31
Reduced till	38
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	95	22
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	21	5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	31	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22	5
\$100,000 or more	238	55

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	1	(Z)
10 to 49 acres	23	5
50 to 179 acres	81	19
180 to 499 acres	64	15
500 to 999 acres	60	14
1,000 + acres	206	47

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	208,249	14	53	488	3,077
Crops	184,896	14	53	169	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	183,031	12	53	78	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	40	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	15	9	28	1,761	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	28	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	7	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,850	34	53	1,296	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	23,353	31	53	1,528	3,073
Poultry and eggs	9	19	52	1,803	3,007
Cattle and calves	22,656	24	53	717	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	22	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	37	43	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	53	27	53	1,770	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	29	51	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	700	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 238,022
Male	518	81	Wheat for grain, all 159,105
Female	182		Corn for grain 95,691
Age		Farm organically	Dry edible beans 48,446
<35	77	1	Forage (hay/haylage), all 39,552
35 – 64	442		
65 and older	181		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	1	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 32
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 27,441
Black or African American	1		Goats 72
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	694	37	Horses and ponies 397
More than one race	5		Layers 1,084
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4	98	Sheep and lambs 710
With military service	38		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	114		

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.