



Chester County Pennsylvania

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,646	-5
Land in farms (acres)	150,514	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	91	-4
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	712,468,000	+8
Government payments	1,775,000	+9
Farm-related income	19,948,000	-36
Total farm production expenses	542,936,000	-1
Net cash farm income	191,254,000	+34
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	432,848	+13
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,820	+82
Farm-related income	28,336	-32
Total farm production expenses	329,852	+4
Net cash farm income	116,193	+41

9 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	80
Livestock, poultry, and products	20

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	70
Pastureland	15
Woodland	9
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 1,191

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	28
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	22

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	536	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	152	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	124	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	112	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	139	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	88	5
\$100,000 or more	495	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	280	17
10 to 49 acres	717	44
50 to 179 acres	485	29
180 to 499 acres	116	7
500 to 999 acres	29	2
1,000 + acres	19	1

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	712,468	2	67	53	3,077
Crops	570,929	1	67	25	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	32,413	7	66	956	2,916
Tobacco	4,365	2	12	83	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	6,266	7	67	294	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,845	12	66	338	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	515,267	1	66	3	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	605	14	64	69	1,384
Other crops and hay	10,166	10	66	245	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	141,539	7	67	333	3,073
Poultry and eggs	25,667	17	67	380	3,007
Cattle and calves	16,848	9	67	913	3,055
Milk from cows	82,808	5	63	99	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9,127	19	67	395	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	214	24	67	743	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	5,881	2	63	24	2,970
Aquaculture	327	12	55	183	1,251
Other animals and animal products	667	9	67	239	2,878

Total Producers ^c

2,856

Sex

Male	1,726
Female	1,130

Age

<35	429
35 – 64	1,645
65 and older	782

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	3
Asian	12
Black or African American	15
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	2,817
More than one race	9

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	80
With military service	169
New and beginning farmers	707

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **74**

Farm organically **3**

Sell directly to consumers **13**

Hire farm labor **43**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	35,439
Corn for grain	27,140
Soybeans for beans	15,567
Corn for silage or greenchop	8,323
Wheat for grain, all	5,121

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	297,852
Cattle and calves	47,499
Goats	1,390
Hogs and pigs	21,550
Horses and ponies	7,142
Layers	113,599
Pullets	335,713
Sheep and lambs	1,771
Turkeys	67,372

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.