Columbia County
Pennsylvania

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	779	-17
Land in farms (acres)	106,748	-13
Average size of farm (acres)	137	+5
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	67,287,000	-10
Government payments	2,290,000	+10
Farm-related income	4,737,000	+93
Total farm production expenses	53,703,000	-14
Net cash farm income	20,612,000	+26
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	86,377	+10
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,534	+67
Farm-related income	15,791	+121
Total farm production expenses	68,939	+4
Net cash farm income	26,459	+52

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	56
Livestock, poultry, and products	44

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	74
Pastureland	5
Woodland	16
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 801

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	29
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	17

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	322	41
$2,500 to $4,999	75	10
$5,000 to $9,999	82	11
$10,000 to $24,999	75	10
$25,000 to $49,999	61	8
$50,000 to $99,999	55	7
$100,000 or more	109	14

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	70	9
10 to 49 acres	271	35
50 to 179 acres	295	38
180 to 499 acres	108	14
500 to 999 acres	22	3
1,000 + acres	13	2

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	**67,287**	**30**	**67**	**1,506**	**3,077**
Crops	**37,797**	**15**	**67**	**1,279**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	19,643	16	66	1,152	2,916
Tobacco	45	11	12	236	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	9,110	3	67	235	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	345	47	66	780	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,976	25	66	509	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	2,693	3	64	23	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,986	45	66	856	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**29,490**	**33**	**67**	**1,348**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	12,359	20	67	518	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,127	47	67	2,135	3,055
Milk from cows	7,620	41	63	503	1,892
Hogs and pigs	6,645	21	67	433	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	120	32	67	1,139	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	491	16	63	433	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	35	67	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**1,248**
Sex	
Male	792
Female	456
Age	
<35	92
35 – 64	708
65 and older	448
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,248
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	8
With military service	115
New and beginning farmers	297

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**71**
Farm organically	**1**
Sell directly to consumers	**10**
Hire farm labor	**21**
Are family farms	**97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Corn for grain	21,275
Soybeans for beans	14,332
Forage (hay/haylage), all	11,751
Cultivated Christmas trees	4,737
Wheat for grain, all	4,221

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	323,838
Cattle and calves	7,770
Goats	991
Hogs and pigs	14,825
Horses and ponies	1,144
Layers	(D)
Pullets	82
Sheep and lambs	830
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.