Montgomery County
Pennsylvania

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	565	-5
Land in farms (acres)	30,896	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	55	+6
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	35,374,000	+38
Government payments	179,000	-39
Farm-related income	4,990,000	-7
Total farm production expenses	38,229,000	+16
Net cash farm income	2,314,000	+226
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	62,610	+46
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,614	+42
Farm-related income	27,567	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	67,662	+22
Net cash farm income	4,095	+233

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	74
Livestock, poultry, and products	26

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	66
Pastureland	16
Woodland	10
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 606

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	14
Reduced till	12
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	251	44
$2,500 to $4,999	56	10
$5,000 to $9,999	47	8
$10,000 to $24,999	65	12
$25,000 to $49,999	36	6
$50,000 to $99,999	30	5
$100,000 or more	80	14

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	143	25
10 to 49 acres	288	51
50 to 179 acres	97	17
180 to 499 acres	31	5
500 to 999 acres	2	(Z)
1,000 + acres	4	1

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	**35,374**	**42**	**67**	**2,040**	**3,077**
Crops	**26,130**	**29**	**67**	**1,492**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	3,647	46	66	1,750	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,040	31	67	562	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	249	55	66	919	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	17,567	7	66	151	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	636	13	64	67	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,990	55	66	1,214	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**9,244**	**49**	**67**	**2,153**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	29	67	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,078	54	67	2,373	3,055
Milk from cows	3,529	54	63	700	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	32	67	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	63	43	67	1,583	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	806	9	63	242	2,970
Aquaculture	297	14	55	189	1,251
Other animals and animal products	65	44	67	894	2,878

Total Producers [c]	1,005
Sex	
Male	644
Female	361
Age	
<35	81
35 – 64	619
65 and older	305
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	12
Asian	6
Black or African American	7
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2
White	977
More than one race	1
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7
With military service	81
New and beginning farmers	210

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**84**
Farm organically	**(Z)**
Sell directly to consumers	**15**
Hire farm labor	**30**
Are family farms	**98**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	7,537
Corn for grain	3,597
Soybeans for beans	2,961
Wheat for grain, all	1,250
Corn for silage or greenchop	734

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,745
Cattle and calves	4,274
Goats	623
Hogs and pigs	1,061
Horses and ponies	1,809
Layers	(D)
Pullets	554
Sheep and lambs	711
Turkeys	295

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.