



## Merced County California

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	2,047	-12
Land in farms (acres)	872,326	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	426	+5
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	3,979,951,000	+35
Government payments	33,115,000	+279
Farm-related income	74,157,000	-8
Total farm production expenses	3,355,948,000	+36
Net cash farm income	731,275,000	+32
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	1,944,285	+55
Government payments <sup>a</sup>	121,302	+306
Farm-related income <sup>a</sup>	86,029	+9
Total farm production expenses	1,639,447	+55
Net cash farm income	357,242	+50

**7** Percent of state agriculture sales

#### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	41
Livestock, poultry, and products	59

#### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	550,570
Pastureland	254,138
Woodland	13,049
Other	54,569

**Acres irrigated: 500,340**

57% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	22
Cover crop	6

#### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
Less than \$2,500	318	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	144	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	189	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	239	12
\$100,000 or more	1,004	49

#### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
1 to 9 acres	288	14
10 to 49 acres	771	38
50 to 179 acres	383	19
180 to 499 acres	264	13
500 to 999 acres	161	8
1,000+ acres	180	9

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,979,951</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>1,637,985</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3,074</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	92,033	9	48	665	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	100,047	3	11	5	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	611,504	5	57	6	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	709,701	10	56	12	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	19,066	26	55	180	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	121	12	32	286	1,274
Other crops and hay	105,513	5	56	23	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>2,341,966</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Poultry and eggs	499,523	1	56	15	3,027
Cattle and calves	205,819	5	57	67	3,047
Milk from cows	1,626,285	2	34	2	1,770
Hogs and pigs	5	38	53	1,674	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	3,410	9	56	45	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	504	24	55	570	2,907
Aquaculture	1,846	13	39	139	1,190
Other animals and animal products	4,576	11	53	50	2,909

<b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Almonds 163,831
Male	2,597	<b>82</b>	Forage (hay/haylage), all 135,156
Female	1,258		Corn for silage/greenchop 98,715
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Vegetables harvested, all 64,464
<35	276	<b>2</b>	Tomatoes in the open 34,369
35 – 64	2,078		
65 and older	1,501		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	36	<b>2</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	301		Cattle and calves 593,108
Black or African American	8	Hire farm labor	Goats 10,769
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	29	<b>51</b>	Hogs and pigs 14
White	3,449		Horses and ponies 1,141
More than one race	32		Layers 3,410,713
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	Pullets 972,917
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	617	<b>89</b>	Sheep and lambs 18,316
With military service	183		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	943		

<sup>a</sup> Average per farm receiving. <sup>b</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>c</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>d</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>e</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>f</sup> 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.