



Merrick County Nebraska

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	482	-0
Land in farms (acres)	208,714	-14
Average size of farm (acres)	433	-14
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	283,749,000	+18
Government payments	1,942,000	-77
Farm-related income	10,163,000	0
Total farm production expenses	237,798,000	+13
Net cash farm income	58,056,000	+19
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	588,691	+18
Government payments ^a	9,858	-63
Farm-related income ^a	37,640	+10
Total farm production expenses	493,357	+13
Net cash farm income	120,447	+19

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	53
Livestock, poultry, and products	47

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	164,234
Pastureland	34,025
Woodland	5,938
Other	4,517

Acres irrigated: 125,946

60% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	24
Reduced till	35
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	79	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	51	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	39	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	7
\$100,000 or more	233	48

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	37	8
10 to 49 acres	102	21
50 to 179 acres	105	22
180 to 499 acres	108	22
500 to 999 acres	54	11
1,000+ acres	76	16

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	283,749	41	93	543	3,078
Crops	149,746	44	93	557	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	144,891	43	92	423	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,302	14	64	591	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	22	58	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	15	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	2,094	49	93	1,407	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	134,003	37	93	508	3,076
Poultry and eggs	1,146	29	92	784	3,027
Cattle and calves	106,452	33	93	129	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	36	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	25,504	25	82	281	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	132	34	88	1,266	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	682	5	88	422	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	87	25	80	1,015	2,909

Producers ^d	856	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	83
Male	586		
Female	270	Farm organically	(Z)
Age		Sell directly to consumers	2
<35	146	Hire farm labor	31
35 – 64	447	Are family farms	96
65 and older	263		
Race			
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	1		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	854		
More than one race	1		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10		
With military service	76		
New and beginning farmers	255		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-
		Cattle and calves	49,563
		Goats	682
		Hogs and pigs	(D)
		Horses and ponies	686
		Layers	404
		Pullets	168,280
		Sheep and lambs	418
		Turkeys	(D)

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