



Berks County Pennsylvania

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	1,767	-2
Land in farms (acres)	208,478	-7
Average size of farm (acres)	118	-5
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	701,354,000	+26
Government payments	2,782,000	-8
Farm-related income	20,860,000	+32
Total farm production expenses	485,415,000	+16
Net cash farm income	239,581,000	+54
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	396,918	+29
Government payments ^a	12,257	+61
Farm-related income ^a	26,882	+35
Total farm production expenses	274,711	+19
Net cash farm income	135,586	+58

7 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	36
Livestock, poultry, and products	64

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	163,086
Pastureland	13,479
Woodland	19,904
Other	12,009

Acres irrigated: 1,764

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	38
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	27

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	454	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	118	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	130	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	236	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	120	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	122	7
\$100,000 or more	587	33

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	278	16
10 to 49 acres	606	34
50 to 179 acres	535	30
180 to 499 acres	275	16
500 to 999 acres	59	3
1,000+ acres	14	1

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	701,354	3	67	104	3,078
Crops	252,233	3	67	256	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	70,612	4	65	787	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	8,573	4	67	296	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	8,453	5	67	186	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	152,522	2	66	23	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	1,063	9	62	62	1,274
Other crops and hay	11,010	9	67	323	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	449,121	4	67	95	3,076
Poultry and eggs	234,001	3	67	85	3,027
Cattle and calves	33,117	4	66	543	3,047
Milk from cows	142,954	4	62	87	1,770
Hogs and pigs	34,636	7	64	231	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,253	5	64	151	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	809	15	63	348	2,907
Aquaculture	107	23	56	248	1,190
Other animals and animal products	2,244	6	66	117	2,909

Producers ^d	3,338	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	78
Male	2,134		Corn for grain 45,159
Female	1,204		Forage (hay/haylage), all 41,719
Age		Farm organically	4
<35	557		Soybeans for beans 36,162
35 – 64	1,836		Corn for silage/greenchop 12,529
65 and older	945		Wheat for grain, all 8,937
Race		Sell directly to consumers	14
American Indian/Alaska Native	10		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
Asian	6		Broilers and other meat-type chickens 5,194,324
Black or African American	3	Hire farm labor	28
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Cattle and calves 62,607
White	3,311		Goats 2,939
More than one race	8	Are family farms	95
Other characteristics			Hogs and pigs 73,042
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	26		Horses and ponies 1,688
With military service	143		Layers 1,436,531
New and beginning farmers	1,010		Pullets 1,016,046
			Sheep and lambs 3,255
			Turkeys 8,512

^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.