



Berks County Pennsylvania

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,809	-11
Land in farms (acres)	224,722	-4
Average size of farm (acres)	124	+8
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	554,656,000	+5
Government payments	3,038,000	-17
Farm-related income	15,825,000	+15
Total farm production expenses	417,800,000	+1
Net cash farm income	155,719,000	+19
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	306,609	+18
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,596	+20
Farm-related income	19,931	+34
Total farm production expenses	230,956	+13
Net cash farm income	86,080	+34

7 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	44
Livestock, poultry, and products	56

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	82
Pastureland	7
Woodland	6
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 1,514

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	37
Reduced till	17
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	28

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	472	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	110	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	170	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	166	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	155	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	114	6
\$100,000 or more	622	34

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	291	16
10 to 49 acres	596	33
50 to 179 acres	534	30
180 to 499 acres	309	17
500 to 999 acres	63	3
1,000 + acres	16	1

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	554,656	3	67	85	3,077
Crops	243,155	2	67	88	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	51,953	3	66	746	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	12	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	6,642	5	67	278	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	5,468	8	66	198	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	166,357	2	66	14	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	760	7	64	51	1,384
Other crops and hay	11,975	8	66	211	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	311,500	4	67	98	3,073
Poultry and eggs	122,978	3	67	115	3,007
Cattle and calves	32,284	3	67	479	3,055
Milk from cows	115,779	3	63	66	1,892
Hogs and pigs	38,044	3	67	155	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	695	6	67	241	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,333	5	63	127	2,970
Aquaculture	89	23	55	233	1,251
Other animals and animal products	298	20	67	421	2,878

Total Producers ^c

3,257

Sex

Male	2,114
Female	1,143

Age

<35	540
35 – 64	1,943
65 and older	774

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	10
Asian	-
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	3,240
More than one race	6

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	12
With military service	135
New and beginning farmers	858

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **68**

Farm organically **4**

Sell directly to consumers **14**

Hire farm labor **29**

Are family farms **97**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	50,095
Forage (hay/haylage), all	48,946
Soybeans for beans	37,374
Corn for silage or greenchop	19,289
Wheat for grain, all	9,124

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,742,038
Cattle and calves	85,593
Goats	2,197
Hogs and pigs	78,195
Horses and ponies	2,004
Layers	2,090,750
Pullets	842,470
Sheep and lambs	3,292
Turkeys	6,125

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.