



Mercer County Illinois

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	748	+5
Land in farms (acres)	282,230	+12
Average size of farm (acres)	377	+7
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	217,524,000	(Z)
Government payments	6,604,000	+3
Farm-related income	9,958,000	-1
Total farm production expenses	164,678,000	+19
Net cash farm income	69,409,000	-26
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	290,808	-4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,506	+1
Farm-related income	23,322	-8
Total farm production expenses	220,158	+13
Net cash farm income	92,792	-30

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	88
Pastureland	4
Woodland	5
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 7,840

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	46
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	259	35
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	49	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	42	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	7
\$100,000 or more	265	35

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	67	9
10 to 49 acres	181	24
50 to 179 acres	197	26
180 to 499 acres	142	19
500 to 999 acres	80	11
1,000 + acres	81	11

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	217,524	30	102	454	3,077
Crops	156,420	35	102	271	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	155,238	34	102	158	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	2	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	17	78	99	1,966	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	16	63	93	1,589	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,100	15	102	1,785	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	61,104	17	102	813	3,073
Poultry and eggs	12	63	101	1,732	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,869	44	102	1,702	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	56	74	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	56,017	4	99	107	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	38	62	102	1,903	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	100	32	100	1,440	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	18	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,186

Sex

Male	847
Female	339

Age

<35	85
35 – 64	676
65 and older	425

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,177
More than one race	7

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4
With military service	157
New and beginning farmers	224

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **78**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **21**

Are family farms **94**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	123,167
Soybeans for beans	100,811
Forage (hay/haylage), all	6,649
Wheat for grain, all	363
Popcorn	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	9,422
Goats	133
Hogs and pigs	197,235
Horses and ponies	523
Layers	1,158
Pullets	79
Sheep and lambs	414
Turkeys	(D)

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.