



Howard County Missouri

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	690	-10
Land in farms (acres)	218,591	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	317	(Z)
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	55,944,000	+17
Government payments	2,818,000	-21
Farm-related income	6,086,000	+17
Total farm production expenses	48,173,000	+8
Net cash farm income	16,675,000	+39
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	81,078	+30
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,907	-2
Farm-related income	17,438	+7
Total farm production expenses	69,815	+20
Net cash farm income	24,166	+54

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	76
Livestock, poultry, and products	24

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	61
Pastureland	18
Woodland	16
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 4,617

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	25
Reduced till	11
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	238	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	105	15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	88	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53	8
\$100,000 or more	110	16

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	15	2
10 to 49 acres	101	15
50 to 179 acres	279	40
180 to 499 acres	177	26
500 to 999 acres	76	11
1,000 + acres	42	6

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	55,944	72	114	1,666	3,077
Crops	42,557	52	114	1,200	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	40,376	52	112	856	2,916
Tobacco	(D)	4	4	253	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	5	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	32	78	113	1,867	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	11	111	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	32	37	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,403	66	114	1,573	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	13,386	87	114	1,934	3,073
Poultry and eggs	1,223	41	112	726	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,494	67	113	1,146	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	97	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	262	70	111	707	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	223	30	111	716	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	182	36	113	1,041	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	43	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	2	85	111	1,706	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,150	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 49,236
Male	773	71	Corn for grain 33,336
Female	377		Forage (hay/haylage), all 22,358
Age		Farm organically	Wheat for grain, all 4,069
<35	77	-	Sorghum for grain 577
35 – 64	604		
65 and older	469		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	5	3	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	2		Cattle and calves 24,589
Black or African American	4	Hire farm labor	Goats 528
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	20	Hogs and pigs 819
White	1,132		Horses and ponies 598
More than one race	7	Are family farms	Layers (D)
Other characteristics		94	Pullets 93
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3		Sheep and lambs 1,552
With military service	170		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	257		

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.