



# Fergus County Montana

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	779	-8
Land in farms (acres)	2,315,398	+6
Average size of farm (acres)	2,972	+15
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	160,111,000	+20
Government payments	24,739,000	+101
Farm-related income	15,594,000	+75
Total farm production expenses	154,627,000	+18
Net cash farm income	45,817,000	+95
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	205,534	+30
Government payments <sup>a</sup>	55,344	+97
Farm-related income <sup>a</sup>	36,434	+78
Total farm production expenses	198,494	+28
Net cash farm income	58,815	+111

**4** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	43
Livestock, poultry, and products	57

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	614,375
Pastureland	1,592,081
Woodland	83,934
Other	25,008

**Acres irrigated: 20,032**

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	23
Reduced till	13
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	7

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
Less than \$2,500	151	19
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	62	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	47	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	89	11
\$100,000 or more	343	44

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
1 to 9 acres	34	4
10 to 49 acres	106	14
50 to 179 acres	95	12
180 to 499 acres	72	9
500 to 999 acres	71	9
1,000+ acres	401	51

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,111</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>69,188</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>3,074</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	54,133	14	55	888	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	24	44	(D)	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	24	-	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	670	11	33	1,057	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	8	10	(D)	1,274
Other crops and hay	14,344	7	56	244	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>90,924</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Poultry and eggs	78	23	55	1,459	3,027
Cattle and calves	85,710	2	56	163	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	7	28	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	47	23	52	1,102	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	266	24	55	730	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	456	19	56	627	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	5	12	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	1,578	10	53	170	2,909

Producers <sup>d</sup>	1,486	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	84
Male	877		
Female	609		
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	161		
35 – 64	733		
65 and older	592		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	2
American Indian/Alaska Native	15		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	34
White	1,471		
More than one race	-		
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	95
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10		
With military service	101		
New and beginning farmers	330		
			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b>
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			1,000
			Cattle and calves
			103,253
			Goats
			287
			Hogs and pigs
			128
			Horses and ponies
			1,416
			Layers
			1,597
			Pullets
			(D)
			Sheep and lambs
			1,925
			Turkeys
			(D)

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