



# Valley County Montana

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

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	508	-9
Land in farms (acres)	1,696,229	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	3,339	+14
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	155,888,000	+61
Government payments	25,142,000	+87
Farm-related income	19,389,000	-25
Total farm production expenses	164,077,000	+46
Net cash farm income	36,343,000	+56
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	306,867	+77
Government payments <sup>a</sup>	76,421	+137
Farm-related income <sup>a</sup>	63,571	-23
Total farm production expenses	322,986	+60
Net cash farm income	71,542	+71

**3** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	65
Livestock, poultry, and products	35

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	717,985
Pastureland	942,074
Woodland	9,152
Other	27,018

**Acres irrigated: 29,412**

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	22
Reduced till	23
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	2

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
Less than \$2,500	154	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	15	3
\$25,000 to \$49,999	31	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67	13
\$100,000 or more	195	38

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
1 to 9 acres	3	1
10 to 49 acres	32	6
50 to 179 acres	89	18
180 to 499 acres	105	21
500 to 999 acres	52	10
1,000+ acres	227	45

**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>155,888</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>100,912</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>3,074</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	93,812	7	55	655	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	44	-	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	30	11	24	1,797	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	33	-	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	7,070	22	56	497	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>54,977</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	54,386	11	56	297	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	28	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	13	33	52	1,476	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	103	38	55	1,419	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	142	39	56	1,326	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	8	12	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	43	53	(D)	2,909

<b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>	<b>826</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	501	Have internet access	Wheat for grain, all 339,378
Female	325		Forage (hay/haylage), all 78,884
		<b>76</b>	Lentils 49,151
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Dry edible peas 42,417
<35	62		Canola 17,403
35 – 64	407		
65 and older	357		
		Sell directly to consumers	
<b>Race</b>			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	19		Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	3		Cattle and calves 56,272
Black or African American	1		Goats 32
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	802		Horses and ponies 453
More than one race	1		Layers 1,186
		Are family farms	Pullets 225
<b>Other characteristics</b>			Sheep and lambs 538
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	11		Turkeys 12
With military service	81		
New and beginning farmers	196		

<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.