



Kern County California

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	1,691	-2
Land in farms (acres)	2,399,512	+5
Average size of farm (acres)	1,419	+7
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	5,013,363,000	+23
Government payments	34,096,000	+568
Farm-related income	104,693,000	+21
Total farm production expenses	4,110,540,000	+26
Net cash farm income	1,041,613,000	+14
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	2,964,733	+26
Government payments ^a	129,644	+507
Farm-related income ^a	167,510	+10
Total farm production expenses	2,430,834	+29
Net cash farm income	615,974	+17

8 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	78
Livestock, poultry, and products	22

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	994,576
Pastureland	1,291,112
Woodland	26,568
Other	87,256

Acres irrigated: 817,526

34% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	12
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	382	23
\$2,500 to \$4,999	74	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63	4
\$10,000 to \$24,999	98	6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	87	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	4
\$100,000 or more	925	55

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	252	15
10 to 49 acres	299	18
50 to 179 acres	331	20
180 to 499 acres	297	18
500 to 999 acres	167	10
1,000+ acres	345	20

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	5,013,363	4	58	4	3,078
Crops	3,932,779	3	57	3	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	34,857	15	48	1,085	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	30,188	4	11	57	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	531,967	6	57	8	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	3,061,907	2	56	2	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	167,734	9	55	21	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	32	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	106,125	4	56	22	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	1,080,584	5	58	20	3,076
Poultry and eggs	(D)	7	56	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	241,244	4	57	57	3,047
Milk from cows	737,879	5	34	7	1,770
Hogs and pigs	526	6	53	623	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	12,590	2	56	6	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	798	14	55	353	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	39	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	4	53	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d	3,331	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	Almonds 255,454
Male	2,294	85	Pistachios 170,057
Female	1,037		Grapes 95,424
Age		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 84,279
<35	177	4	Vegetables harvested, all 61,939
35 – 64	1,711		
65 and older	1,443		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
American Indian/Alaska Native	58	4	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 250
Asian	158		Cattle and calves 326,215
Black or African American	31	Hire farm labor	Goats 1,890
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	32	52	Hogs and pigs 1,704
White	3,037		Horses and ponies 2,849
More than one race	15	Are family farms	Layers (D)
Other characteristics		85	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	343		Sheep and lambs 110,321
With military service	230		Turkeys 418
New and beginning farmers	809		

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