



# Mercer County Illinois

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

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	690	-8
Land in farms (acres)	251,455	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	364	-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	356,885,000	+64
Government payments	4,122,000	-38
Farm-related income	9,935,000	-0
Total farm production expenses	252,009,000	+53
Net cash farm income	118,933,000	+71
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	517,224	+78
Government payments <sup>a</sup>	11,171	-3
Farm-related income <sup>a</sup>	28,225	+21
Total farm production expenses	365,230	+66
Net cash farm income	172,367	+86

## 1 Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	63
Livestock, poultry, and products	37

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	218,545
Pastureland	6,208
Woodland	17,238
Other	9,464

### Acres irrigated: 8,901

4% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	48
Reduced till	20
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	10

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
Less than \$2,500	232	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	61	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	56	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42	6
\$100,000 or more	238	34

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
1 to 9 acres	48	7
10 to 49 acres	156	23
50 to 179 acres	245	36
180 to 499 acres	100	14
500 to 999 acres	81	12
1,000+ acres	60	9

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>356,885</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>223,292</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>3,074</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	222,087	39	102	201	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	1	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	83	95	(D)	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	9	77	96	1,889	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	79	59	89	1,508	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	19	53	396	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,061	31	102	1,997	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>133,593</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Poultry and eggs	20	79	101	1,952	3,027
Cattle and calves	5,283	46	101	1,662	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	64	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	127,988	1	100	60	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	210	22	100	900	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	75	39	91	1,663	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	17	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	16	62	98	1,616	2,909

<b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Corn for grain 114,380
Male	904	<b>81</b>	Soybeans for beans 85,579
Female	360		Forage (hay/haylage), all 4,124
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Corn for silage/greenchop 185
<35	89	<b>-</b>	Wheat for grain, all 151
35 – 64	701		
65 and older	474		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	<b>2</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 67
Asian	1		Cattle and calves 6,209
Black or African American	1	Hire farm labor	Goats 325
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	<b>27</b>	Hogs and pigs 323,916
White	1,260		Horses and ponies 301
More than one race	1	Are family farms	Layers 541
<b>Other characteristics</b>		<b>93</b>	Pullets 62
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5		Sheep and lambs 1,292
With military service	109		Turkeys 49
New and beginning farmers	410		

<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.