

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Montana	Beaverhead	Big Horn	Blaine	Broadwater	Carbon	Carter
Farms	24 279	360	530	541	219	623	305
Land in farms	58 607 778	1 152 008	2 770 118	2 257 722	452 744	735 910	1 589 372
Average size of farm	2 414	3 200	5 227	4 173	2 067	1 181	5 211
Median size of farm	609	863	1 000	1 280	570	300	3 470
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm	699 069	1 359 225	1 217 122	731 066	839 152	564 474	591 692
Average per acre	294	401	229	190	378	459	107
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm	78 157	100 514	84 971	93 929	96 639	60 550	77 321
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	898	11	11	13	6	10	4
10 to 49 acres	3 570	58	60	21	23	86	6
50 to 179 acres	3 575	47	63	78	38	156	9
180 to 499 acres	3 372	38	78	57	40	149	16
500 to 999 acres	2 675	38	52	68	29	89	23
1,000 acres or more	10 189	168	266	304	83	133	247
Total cropland	20 669	305	420	457	191	536	244
Harvested cropland	17 629 001	202 965	407 958	659 890	130 672	172 004	244 923
Irrigated land	17 854	272	372	396	173	466	225
Market value of agricultural products sold	1 870 732	55 374	61 126	47 937	20 177	43 770	26 991
Average per farm	77 051	153 815	115 332	88 609	92 131	70 257	88 494
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	903 822	10 164	27 508	25 545	13 481	15 554	3 739
Livestock, poultry, and their products	966 910	45 210	33 618	22 393	6 695	28 216	23 251
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	4 996	64	71	83	25	102	28
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2 024	33	42	31	23	47	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 308	22	44	48	14	74	19
\$10,000 to \$24,999	3 415	42	73	72	36	122	46
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2 839	30	80	69	30	94	44
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3 340	60	74	94	29	73	60
\$100,000 or more	5 357	109	146	144	62	111	97
Total farm production expenses ¹	1 512 749	45 645	47 933	38 708	15 838	37 630	20 762
Average per farm	62 320	126 791	90 440	71 418	72 319	60 401	68 071
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	24 275	360	530	542	219	623	305
Average per farm	334 834	10 037	12 842	9 169	3 168	6 742	4 594
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	15 703	223	357	405	151	386	249
Other	8 576	137	173	136	68	237	56
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	11 280	180	222	207	111	310	115
200 days or more	6 322	111	140	98	65	173	49
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory	14 216	242	389	343	136	434	249
Beef cows	2 618 319	138 390	91 216	72 556	24 676	67 043	59 356
Milk cows	12 902	231	369	317	126	391	238
Cattle and calves sold	1 558 921	79 288	(D)	47 852	15 058	31 325	38 439
Hogs and pigs inventory	721	6	5	7	7	17	26
Hogs and pigs sold	18 052	10	(D)	54	15	172	47
Sheep and lambs inventory	14 055	244	383	339	132	426	252
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	1 654 014	81 100	67 817	42 883	12 537	48 037	39 262
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	627	5	9	17	5	14	11
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	177 740	41	2 958	4 655	661	247	875
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop	595	10	9	16	5	12	11
Wheat for grain	293 161	107	(D)	7 662	757	303	1 809
Barley for grain	1 981	46	30	48	10	85	90
Oats for grain	416 012	18 165	2 854	7 476	4 820	8 841	59 292
Sugar beets for sugar	1 017	15	7	9	11	31	20
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	378 562	(D)	316	(D)	(D)	467	349
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	61	—	—	—	1	—	—
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	112 821	—	—	—	(D)	—	—
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop	422	—	19	3	—	44	2
Wheat for grain	36 644	—	1 283	108	—	3 306	(D)
Barley for grain	736 202	—	28 611	(D)	—	69 958	(D)
Oats for grain	7 932	29	178	219	86	63	77
Sugar beets for sugar	5 602 336	10 445	137 631	209 493	45 091	15 025	38 549
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	172 214 482	651 155	5 060 197	6 044 382	2 252 367	513 495	870 022
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4 423	54	94	88	53	123	16
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1 093 414	10 045	13 310	20 596	6 617	11 134	2 884
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	55 236 960	943 079	782 619	902 548	422 299	898 609	106 263
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1 251	8	36	37	6	45	14
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	66 331	542	1 305	1 997	363	1 586	1 001
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3 501 669	56 282	83 730	102 329	29 820	95 996	32 770
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	415	—	46	—	—	64	—
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	59 345	—	7 912	—	—	6 681	—
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1 243 622	—	177 615	—	—	134 175	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	13 536	263	301	300	137	420	212
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	2 528 517	122 374	64 535	68 602	27 958	59 850	85 542
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	4 745 596	278 745	136 892	129 515	86 628	132 878	79 705

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Item	Cascade	Chouteau	Custer	Daniels	Dawson	Deer Lodge	Fallon
Farms number..	903	750	405	363	502	83	309
Land in farms acres..	1 441 261	2 211 635	1 897 536	764 544	1 417 310	101 657	952 884
Average size of farm acres..	1 596	2 949	4 685	2 106	2 823	1 225	3 084
Median size of farm acres..	350	2 067	618	1 364	1 512	334	1 920
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	619 792	1 015 414	918 508	535 291	452 426	682 864	630 078
Average per acre dollars..	373	351	187	251	166	558	200
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	61 439	150 191	69 900	110 090	87 563	52 241	74 638
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	40	5	16	3	5	7	5
10 to 49 acres	143	16	60	9	36	13	17
50 to 179 acres	177	38	55	16	36	12	28
180 to 499 acres	143	61	58	43	61	14	33
500 to 999 acres	107	77	36	83	69	11	24
1,000 acres or more	293	553	180	209	295	26	202
Total cropland farms..	750	699	324	348	429	68	261
Harvested cropland acres..	507 562	1 345 807	170 277	529 328	465 942	21 578	232 081
Irrigated land farms..	637	616	279	275	375	62	224
..... acres..	290 209	709 196	85 708	268 612	239 270	13 139	127 642
..... farms..	269	50	182	18	98	58	15
..... acres..	32 999	11 777	28 199	1 585	18 486	17 639	1 277
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	66 731	92 706	32 586	25 644	34 748	4 217	20 407
Average per farm dollars..	73 899	123 608	80 459	70 645	69 220	50 807	66 042
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	32 062	77 749	7 118	20 359	20 606	857	5 568
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	34 669	14 957	25 468	5 285	14 142	3 360	14 839
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	230	90	72	81	68	24	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86	17	31	13	32	8	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85	29	34	22	55	7	36
\$10,000 to \$24,999	158	64	67	56	72	13	44
\$25,000 to \$49,999	100	72	42	43	67	7	45
\$50,000 to \$99,999	99	143	62	62	85	10	52
\$100,000 or more	145	335	97	86	123	14	67
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	51 062	73 525	28 123	20 791	28 695	3 973	16 112
Average per farm dollars..	56 547	98 033	69 438	57 276	57 160	47 866	52 141
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ farms..	903	750	405	363	502	83	309
..... \$1,000..	16 274	18 417	4 909	4 819	5 355	244	3 812
Average per farm dollars..	18 022	24 556	12 121	13 276	10 667	2 940	12 337
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	519	623	256	262	356	44	216
Other	384	127	149	101	146	39	93
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	478	223	209	117	209	48	133
200 days or more	294	82	119	59	113	35	74
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	533	284	295	121	314	60	225
..... number..	86 691	46 606	78 871	14 719	44 249	11 606	41 530
Beef cows farms..	466	267	261	116	297	54	214
..... number..	52 986	30 843	44 615	(D)	28 860	7 032	26 251
Milk cows farms..	20	6	21	2	16	4	5
..... number..	725	14	55	(D)	210	4	14
Cattle and calves sold farms..	521	279	289	118	318	58	228
..... number..	54 231	29 561	49 292	9 285	27 598	6 865	28 476
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	25	18	12	11	8	2	14
..... number..	17 253	3 248	497	4 856	1 150	(D)	948
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	22	15	7	10	7	1	14
..... number..	26 756	7 454	365	7 945	1 159	(D)	1 477
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	66	22	50	13	32	7	24
..... number..	11 548	2 455	6 463	785	7 023	536	4 191
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	45	17	24	4	17	3	12
..... number..	43 034	443	522	109	(D)	(D)	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	3	2	—	—	1	—	—
..... number..	(D)	(D)	—	—	(D)	—	—
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	—	1	34	1	15	—	1
..... acres..	—	(D)	3 370	(D)	1 228	—	(D)
..... tons, green..	—	(D)	67 584	(D)	20 384	—	(D)
Wheat for grain farms..	235	550	91	252	265	1	120
..... acres..	152 705	560 587	29 809	244 091	169 383	(D)	62 498
Barley for grain farms..	6 272 498	20 172 518	671 480	5 894 257	4 477 333	(D)	1 368 275
..... acres..	177	279	29	32	97	6	58
..... bushels..	56 278	97 534	3 074	3 052	15 744	444	5 080
Oats for grain farms..	3 115 102	4 250 139	134 986	104 019	591 322	27 258	167 213
..... acres..	29	16	19	20	35	1	42
..... bushels..	994	1 190	1 059	896	2 049	(D)	2 752
Sugar beets for sugar farms..	52 138	67 150	65 315	35 643	80 720	(D)	121 208
..... acres..	—	—	23	—	25	—	—
..... tons..	—	—	2 077	—	3 065	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	515	234	259	133	279	61	198
..... acres..	81 695	44 349	46 607	22 836	44 230	12 143	58 380
..... tons, dry..	141 091	64 835	82 998	27 650	60 449	25 636	47 172

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Item	Fergus	Flathead	Gallatin	Garfield	Glacier	Golden Valley	Granite
Farms	816	898	835	244	425	118	117
Land in farms	2 248 705	216 303	759 944	2 163 270	1 622 574	638 049	268 413
Average size of farm	2 756	241	910	8 866	3 818	5 407	2 294
Median size of farm	1 210	50	161	5 109	1 296	2 677	1 100
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm	666 486	450 034	832 394	951 733	842 349	1 248 950	950 890
Average per acre	259	1 649	976	111	224	236	449
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm	81 905	36 818	66 287	95 323	77 310	109 026	73 748
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	15	72	45	1	15	4	3
10 to 49 acres	75	368	216	7	25	5	7
50 to 179 acres	84	234	164	9	38	10	12
180 to 499 acres	94	111	156	7	56	13	16
500 to 999 acres	94	69	101	11	46	10	18
1,000 acres or more	454	44	153	209	245	76	61
Total cropland	690	759	684	204	318	101	100
Harvested cropland	675 934	105 561	252 837	301 645	497 158	117 031	45 010
Irrigated land	636	688	603	179	260	86	86
Market value of agricultural products sold	71 841	26 664	58 905	32 030	45 418	12 942	9 642
Average per farm	88 041	29 693	70 545	131 271	106 867	109 674	82 412
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	32 090	17 862	30 946	9 764	28 446	4 527	1 442
Livestock, poultry, and their products	39 752	8 802	27 959	22 266	16 972	8 415	8 200
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	107	346	202	19	70	20	15
\$2,500 to \$4,999	48	146	93	10	21	3	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	72	122	95	15	43	9	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	101	118	116	27	73	21	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	103	70	76	23	41	11	16
\$50,000 to \$99,999	157	30	87	51	56	16	17
\$100,000 or more	228	66	166	99	121	38	39
Total farm production expenses ¹	52 404	22 859	45 301	26 092	34 273	10 829	7 882
Average per farm	64 221	25 455	54 318	106 934	80 642	91 775	67 366
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	816	898	834	244	425	118	117
Average per farm	17 614	2 620	10 073	5 996	9 436	2 440	1 758
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	571	387	456	223	274	90	91
Other	245	511	379	21	151	28	26
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	334	530	433	69	222	34	51
200 days or more	180	298	282	14	114	20	21
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory	590	326	463	196	253	83	92
Beef cows	109 566	17 371	59 335	54 939	39 571	21 433	25 094
Milk cows	567	247	377	192	240	78	90
Cattle and calves sold	70 312	8 221	29 805	36 510	27 074	12 015	16 541
Hogs and pigs inventory	25	27	44	12	11	5	5
Hogs and pigs sold	368	1 504	4 722	24	390	138	8
Sheep and lambs inventory	592	306	448	196	256	85	90
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	71 839	10 460	28 278	35 533	23 816	12 159	16 016
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	20	21	12	5	12	4	1
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	2 290	2 327	3 982	287	19 956	(D)	(D)
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop	22	26	16	5	11	5	1
Wheat for grain	4 019	5 136	5 196	419	36 297	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	84	31	63	68	7	16	6
Sugar beets for sugar	7 010	776	7 880	49 384	477	8 033	361
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	31	51	38	19	17	7	1
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	783	849	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop	2	5	4	—	4	—	—
Wheat for grain	(D)	60	81	—	5 700	—	—
Barley for grain	1	—	—	3	—	2	—
Oats for grain	(D)	—	—	130	—	(D)	—
Sugar beets for sugar	(D)	—	—	2 040	—	(D)	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	330	122	198	128	152	47	6
Wheat for grain	189 671	19 477	46 145	102 118	151 468	34 976	(D)
Barley for grain	7 084 714	1 128 311	2 422 310	2 672 407	5 137 748	1 257 178	(D)
Oats for grain	273	129	219	46	136	19	10
Sugar beets for sugar	75 936	16 899	39 015	10 630	93 138	4 019	1 701
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	3 637 154	1 079 596	2 466 491	442 686	4 287 851	201 620	115 256
Wheat for grain	57	28	21	25	11	7	5
Barley for grain	3 215	461	659	2 838	1 149	809	172
Oats for grain	154 810	31 931	52 440	115 260	59 704	42 010	13 800
Sugar beets for sugar	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—	—
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	—	—	(D)	—	—	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	—	—	(D)	—	—	—	—
Farms	556	541	525	137	151	76	85
Land in farms	146 401	33 242	73 766	33 506	31 704	18 557	28 515
Average size of farm	229 744	74 552	198 261	42 554	54 128	29 493	68 324

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Item	Hill	Jefferson	Judith Basin	Lake	Lewis and Clark	Liberty	Lincoln
Farms	692	266	329	1 011	502	280	252
Land in farms	1 642 562	364 153	834 711	596 726	822 066	915 451	46 167
Average size of farm	2 374	1 369	2 537	590	1 638	3 269	183
Median size of farm	1 519	179	1 480	80	66	2 284	80
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm	709 240	549 020	712 901	442 981	709 119	980 837	461 051
Average per acre	294	433	300	816	447	298	1 997
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm	126 194	29 744	123 660	39 768	42 425	168 794	23 243
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	7	11	7	129	31	—	14
10 to 49 acres	22	64	21	277	188	3	75
50 to 179 acres	75	58	26	277	104	9	92
180 to 499 acres	80	36	35	181	51	20	54
500 to 999 acres	84	26	41	75	30	27	10
1,000 acres or more	424	71	199	72	98	221	7
Total cropland	636	209	281	872	412	271	219
Harvested cropland	1 080 322	75 504	288 532	150 057	97 469	630 618	17 088
Irrigated land	546	166	261	750	358	237	188
Market value of agricultural products sold	67 060	8 565	37 595	37 543	18 997	38 479	3 675
Average per farm	96 907	32 198	114 269	37 134	37 842	137 423	14 582
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	55 418	1 960	14 468	16 058	6 734	29 291	1 425
Livestock, poultry, and their products	11 641	6 605	23 127	21 485	12 263	9 187	2 250
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	125	88	31	264	178	34	115
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	34	16	111	78	5	49
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	46	17	138	73	5	34
\$10,000 to \$24,999	53	33	44	200	62	20	33
\$25,000 to \$49,999	75	23	40	123	36	34	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	113	15	70	99	34	67	5
\$100,000 or more	254	27	111	76	41	115	6
Total farm production expenses ¹	49 508	8 448	28 508	32 444	16 148	33 012	3 244
Average per farm	71 543	31 759	86 650	32 123	32 166	117 900	12 924
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	692	266	329	1 010	502	280	251
Average per farm	14 992	909	10 867	4 236	3 378	4 134	573
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	496	128	265	526	211	244	102
Other	196	138	64	485	291	36	150
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	287	152	113	562	302	70	162
200 days or more	156	99	50	352	211	24	96
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory	240	169	250	595	240	82	119
Beef cows	30 158	21 535	64 397	55 216	44 399	16 488	4 134
Milk cows	215	147	236	530	197	79	104
Cattle and calves sold	(D)	14 294	37 754	32 743	24 739	10 565	2 634
Hogs and pigs inventory	10	11	10	42	11	6	12
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	59	139	1 528	307	438	21
Sheep and lambs inventory	233	167	248	577	226	82	106
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	18 225	12 228	40 453	31 624	21 917	9 154	2 518
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	21	20	6	27	23	13	10
Sheep and lambs sold	9 870	1 996	(D)	2 100	(D)	17 599	34
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	21	21	6	22	26	14	4
Sheep and lambs sold	18 846	2 707	(D)	6 670	3 059	25 289	16
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	11	22	43	44	31	3	6
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	802	1 210	9 666	4 357	4 767	(D)	181
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	12	19	4	43	35	4	23
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	362	(D)	737	(D)	46 678	843
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7	2	1	—	2	3	2
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2 076	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	25 500	(D)
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop	2	—	1	6	—	1	—
Wheat for grain	(D)	—	(D)	600	—	(D)	—
Barley for grain	(D)	—	(D)	14 885	—	(D)	—
Oats for grain	470	12	140	107	24	222	1
Sugar beets for sugar	462 910	5 226	74 860	23 934	11 005	265 044	(D)
Sugar beets for sugar	14 719 904	195 866	2 827 447	1 376 415	409 379	7 447 622	(D)
Sugar beets for sugar	129	22	135	74	49	72	1
Sugar beets for sugar	28 476	2 853	50 356	4 485	9 054	26 487	(D)
Sugar beets for sugar	1 007 870	149 177	2 398 831	308 072	470 225	996 791	(D)
Sugar beets for sugar	24	11	37	48	13	9	7
Sugar beets for sugar	1 207	599	2 325	1 789	422	372	145
Sugar beets for sugar	41 101	42 485	143 163	139 213	32 830	15 484	8 885
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	179	151	229	529	329	59	164
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	24 504	24 533	75 674	55 736	44 020	11 954	8 663
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	26 979	58 174	130 059	147 123	104 071	18 984	14 407

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Item	McCone	Madison	Meagher	Mineral	Missoula	Musselshell	Park
Farms number..	430	460	142	71	482	232	420
Land in farms acres..	1 312 704	1 079 502	940 071	16 329	262 419	952 670	749 103
Average size of farm acres..	3 053	2 347	6 620	230	544	4 106	1 784
Median size of farm acres..	1 807	410	2 795	88	41	1 280	490
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	490 869	1 108 993	1 987 173	401 063	494 181	851 157	1 177 514
Average per acre dollars..	151	501	303	1 744	993	207	640
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	109 227	64 555	96 988	26 671	34 427	55 164	75 647
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	3	11	2	6	79	4	16
10 to 49 acres	9	66	12	20	177	17	68
50 to 179 acres	19	89	20	16	99	33	65
180 to 499 acres	39	78	15	19	60	30	61
500 to 999 acres	66	52	6	8	22	23	58
1,000 acres or more	294	164	87	2	45	125	152
Total cropland farms..	392	378	108	55	372	171	362
Harvested cropland acres..	554 826	153 658	113 731	5 945	46 985	133 950	131 730
Irrigated land farms..	344	315	99	46	300	149	299
..... acres..	263 965	97 920	75 410	3 243	25 171	76 069	76 356
Irrigated land farms..	38	335	82	30	273	60	251
..... acres..	7 068	108 491	45 533	1 254	22 291	12 376	48 820
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	28 698	35 456	22 898	1 183	8 022	17 441	20 457
Average per farm dollars..	66 740	77 079	161 251	16 662	16 643	75 176	48 708
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	17 843	9 894	4 177	297	2 199	5 640	6 172
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	10 856	25 563	18 721	886	5 823	11 801	14 286
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	53	88	23	29	192	59	97
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	40	7	12	88	25	49
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	58	15	8	66	24	42
\$10,000 to \$24,999	63	58	13	10	65	23	57
\$25,000 to \$49,999	73	63	14	4	34	23	55
\$50,000 to \$99,999	99	55	15	5	22	36	61
\$100,000 or more	94	98	55	3	15	42	59
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	23 545	29 820	18 312	1 202	9 221	14 743	16 434
Average per farm dollars..	54 755	64 968	128 957	16 933	19 171	63 547	39 129
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) farms..	430	459	142	71	481	232	420
..... \$1,000..	4 063	4 354	4 640	-19	-2 106	2 084	3 661
Average per farm dollars..	9 448	9 486	32 677	-271	-4 377	8 981	8 717
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	334	316	108	40	171	149	256
Other	96	144	34	31	311	83	164
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	175	189	53	42	306	109	207
200 days or more	84	94	25	22	215	62	116
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	221	323	113	25	221	165	258
..... number..	34 076	77 167	58 960	1 062	13 103	35 509	46 265
Beef cows farms..	207	298	104	23	170	149	234
..... number..	21 274	47 618	(D)	(D)	8 061	23 309	30 346
Milk cows farms..	8	23	5	1	8	15	8
..... number..	26	130	(D)	(D)	51	27	131
Cattle and calves sold farms..	224	311	118	23	205	166	255
..... number..	20 853	44 428	32 025	544	10 942	22 662	26 352
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	10	8	1	3	15	5	8
..... number..	272	99	(D)	26	55	52	207
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	10	16	2	3	9	7	10
..... number..	447	479	(D)	(D)	49	108	177
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	29	78	16	4	40	26	36
..... number..	14 222	9 171	5 608	128	1 023	10 658	3 281
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	6	24	7	1	28	10	30
..... number..	315	533	(D)	(D)	438	420	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
..... number..	-	-	-	-	220	-	-
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	-	1	-	-	-	8	-
..... acres..	-	(D)	-	-	-	432	-
..... tons, green..	-	(D)	-	-	-	5 940	-
Wheat for grain farms..	293	39	17	6	14	42	47
..... acres..	207 015	14 030	8 830	710	3 099	44 043	10 428
Barley for grain bushels..	4 922 192	849 296	370 858	33 600	131 200	1 493 333	386 996
..... farms..	86	66	24	1	16	23	58
..... acres..	12 748	9 564	19 619	(D)	1 308	3 974	7 811
Oats for grain bushels..	424 476	706 759	1 052 620	(D)	80 580	119 704	415 376
..... farms..	24	18	5	5	9	21	27
..... acres..	2 397	657	1 149	78	151	798	951
Sugar beets for sugar bushels..	91 628	48 072	86 370	4 000	10 490	44 253	57 859
..... farms..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... acres..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
..... tons..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	204	307	94	43	266	136	282
..... acres..	44 382	73 813	46 056	2 402	20 080	27 079	58 568
..... tons, dry..	52 746	204 675	103 923	5 283	42 607	47 554	134 787

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Item	Petroleum	Phillips	Pondera	Powder River	Powell	Prairie	Ravalli
Farms number..	88	489	474	297	230	158	1 080
Land in farms acres..	541 361	1 977 811	878 426	1 559 222	649 489	612 906	183 647
Average size of farm acres..	6 152	4 045	1 853	5 250	2 824	3 879	170
Median size of farm acres..	4 027	1 600	1 240	2 720	640	1 890	40
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	1 110 237	683 156	678 198	712 457	1 290 383	600 313	393 894
Average per acre dollars..	188	175	374	142	451	158	2 451
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	76 830	88 845	121 569	73 735	51 497	108 061	29 876
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	—	12	12	2	3	5	110
10 to 49 acres	2	28	30	12	29	4	503
50 to 179 acres	7	44	37	9	35	11	268
180 to 499 acres	7	58	68	32	31	19	126
500 to 999 acres	4	50	59	25	30	12	43
1,000 acres or more	68	297	268	217	102	107	30
Total cropland farms..	71	422	427	253	192	139	933
Harvested cropland acres..	64 035	634 323	563 645	165 614	75 021	123 251	82 562
Irrigated land farms..	65	363	400	240	175	120	735
..... acres..	34 556	263 920	330 410	103 913	60 495	66 332	43 665
Irrigated land farms..	34	196	194	46	162	54	923
..... acres..	11 130	41 734	62 659	8 607	62 952	11 390	76 873
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	9 371	40 865	57 683	27 293	17 807	20 292	23 949
Average per farm dollars..	106 484	83 569	121 694	91 895	77 423	128 428	22 175
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	2 231	16 254	43 382	3 139	2 254	6 267	6 057
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	7 139	24 611	14 301	24 154	15 553	14 024	17 892
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	9	72	52	20	48	13	373
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2	21	29	13	19	9	184
\$5,000 to \$9,999	8	35	11	28	21	9	185
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7	71	48	42	25	13	156
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10	58	58	48	30	20	89
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	102	90	63	34	36	36
\$100,000 or more	29	130	186	83	53	58	57
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	6 860	35 593	45 870	19 922	13 454	17 429	21 923
Average per farm dollars..	77 951	72 788	96 771	67 076	58 497	110 310	20 299
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ farms..	88	489	474	297	230	158	1 080
..... \$1,000..	2 174	3 646	13 314	7 536	2 762	2 147	544
Average per farm dollars..	24 701	7 456	28 088	25 374	12 009	13 588	504
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	65	369	374	244	137	131	521
Other	23	120	100	53	93	27	559
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	37	193	204	105	114	52	600
200 days or more	21	98	87	40	66	27	369
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	71	335	238	256	173	123	599
..... number..	23 815	77 307	27 790	71 603	52 391	33 547	37 234
Beef cows farms..	70	317	228	244	166	117	486
..... number..	13 993	48 192	18 826	44 359	(D)	19 480	20 515
Milk cows farms..	3	17	9	21	8	6	43
..... number..	4	66	596	31	(D)	25	1 679
Cattle and calves sold farms..	73	336	238	259	173	125	607
..... number..	13 666	50 222	17 258	45 182	28 767	26 821	23 197
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	1	18	16	2	13	3	32
..... (D) number..	(D)	3 900	17 500	(D)	442	(D)	596
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	—	16	17	1	12	3	29
..... number..	—	7 575	33 826	(D)	731	(D)	1 330
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	10	38	27	69	25	19	97
..... number..	4 620	10 154	7 556	20 205	1 476	5 199	4 357
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	—	18	20	14	8	5	89
..... number..	—	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	134	1 516
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	—	1	4	—	—	2	2
..... number..	—	(D)	(D)	—	—	(D)	(D)
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	—	1	—	1	—	21	1
..... acres..	—	(D)	—	(D)	—	1 365	(D)
..... tons, green..	—	(D)	—	(D)	—	22 203	(D)
Wheat for grain farms..	25	220	311	65	9	85	19
..... acres..	14 624	165 013	189 395	26 696	1 441	37 493	1 898
Barley for grain bushels..	477 507	4 195 508	7 583 713	601 020	89 315	881 516	95 207
..... farms..	9	108	287	29	30	31	58
..... acres..	1 253	19 603	107 059	2 674	4 438	5 572	2 587
Oats for grain bushels..	56 104	682 190	5 938 314	94 260	302 833	185 235	207 231
..... farms..	2	36	12	22	13	17	37
..... acres..	(D)	2 150	284	784	959	1 251	942
Sugar beets for sugar bushels..	(D)	105 066	12 393	33 235	64 551	60 671	78 199
..... farms..	—	—	—	—	—	21	—
..... acres..	—	—	—	—	—	2 738	—
..... tons..	—	—	—	—	—	53 435	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	57	288	218	236	173	102	682
..... acres..	18 700	78 092	31 771	74 354	54 636	17 038	38 627
..... tons, dry..	30 916	119 079	69 899	100 005	134 658	25 586	104 690

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Item	Richland	Roosevelt	Rosebud	Sanders	Sheridan	Silver Bow	Stillwater
Farms number..	571	609	362	412	581	116	473
Land in farms acres..	1 214 802	1 430 064	2 680 844	409 965	1 001 193	100 181	896 739
Average size of farm acres..	2 127	2 348	7 406	995	1 723	864	1 896
Median size of farm acres..	870	1 220	1 788	200	1 280	179	580
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	561 055	478 914	918 793	463 858	421 906	446 220	682 354
Average per acre dollars..	273	216	127	453	272	587	384
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	111 427	111 775	77 982	30 741	94 649	30 309	52 583
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	20	3	2	6	4	7	8
10 to 49 acres	39	27	25	72	11	13	80
50 to 179 acres	58	53	37	119	32	38	66
180 to 499 acres	96	89	49	110	84	20	68
500 to 999 acres	87	100	31	47	101	13	70
1,000 acres or more	271	337	218	58	349	25	181
Total cropland farms..	490	573	277	348	550	75	385
..... acres..	506 853	783 768	206 740	62 437	677 445	14 885	249 539
Harvested cropland farms..	448	468	237	313	453	59	343
..... acres..	279 736	391 029	122 605	35 971	342 588	7 381	119 037
Irrigated land farms..	182	58	121	154	35	51	188
..... acres..	48 324	9 726	30 813	18 432	6 164	7 542	25 806
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	54 075	38 812	37 666	11 534	35 949	3 238	29 001
Average per farm dollars..	94 702	63 731	104 049	27 995	61 874	27 910	61 313
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	35 171	30 036	8 688	4 233	28 957	227	8 142
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	18 904	8 776	28 978	7 301	6 992	3 010	20 860
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	78	131	54	128	102	35	91
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37	27	25	56	14	12	40
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	37	24	55	34	26	42
\$10,000 to \$24,999	88	100	60	80	85	17	78
\$25,000 to \$49,999	84	87	53	40	104	6	76
\$50,000 to \$99,999	79	93	41	29	123	11	72
\$100,000 or more	171	134	105	24	119	9	74
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	41 784	30 223	30 973	11 062	25 573	2 149	24 212
Average per farm dollars..	73 049	49 628	85 324	26 848	44 016	18 530	51 296
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ farms..	572	609	363	412	581	116	472
..... \$1,000..	11 760	8 764	6 802	887	8 653	829	4 611
Average per farm dollars..	20 560	14 390	18 739	2 154	14 894	7 148	9 769
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	411	416	265	218	441	51	300
Other	160	193	97	194	140	65	173
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	242	268	153	232	230	60	240
200 days or more	116	146	93	128	104	39	143
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	332	264	276	268	227	71	345
..... number..	56 202	28 863	88 777	21 123	22 528	9 326	57 773
Beef cows farms..	299	251	259	231	219	69	311
..... number..	29 598	18 882	53 115	13 498	(D)	5 966	33 225
Milk cows farms..	11	4	11	23	4	3	23
..... number..	67	7	18	210	(D)	3	190
Cattle and calves sold farms..	337	262	274	249	232	70	343
..... number..	34 730	17 539	53 789	13 419	14 029	5 920	36 138
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	13	12	7	15	10	6	12
..... number..	359	864	(D)	73	1 483	128	2 020
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	10	12	5	5	13	7	10
..... number..	360	891	(D)	70	2 436	88	4 570
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	37	21	26	12	18	13	74
..... number..	5 956	5 562	4 600	325	2 272	733	11 889
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	27	17	11	35	6	8	20
..... number..	1 154	422	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	509
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
..... number..	(D)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	69	5	16	—	—	—	23
..... acres..	4 221	226	2 952	—	—	—	2 013
..... tons, green..	71 926	2 425	60 933	—	—	—	41 035
Wheat for grain farms..	338	371	90	23	409	—	111
..... acres..	181 702	335 032	60 869	2 940	299 692	—	46 253
Barley for grain bushels..	4 556 702	8 153 626	1 526 711	124 913	7 008 789	—	1 399 034
..... farms..	115	67	39	12	54	1	78
..... acres..	15 949	7 648	6 200	1 144	7 374	(D)	13 986
Oats for grain bushels..	614 720	239 899	282 400	59 417	209 623	(D)	616 574
..... farms..	70	28	31	14	32	2	26
..... acres..	5 407	2 089	1 417	389	1 897	(D)	1 309
Sugar beets for sugar bushels..	273 626	73 576	79 261	25 163	70 282	(D)	63 781
..... farms..	107	9	9	—	1	—	8
..... acres..	19 220	880	2 238	—	(D)	—	(D)
..... tons..	385 104	14 400	45 969	—	(D)	—	(D)
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	317	270	205	292	229	56	301
..... acres..	50 317	47 884	45 813	31 021	36 282	7 321	55 897
..... tons, dry..	81 862	63 475	85 993	63 706	46 267	16 840	95 090

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Item	Sweet Grass	Teton	Toole	Treasure	Valley	Wheatland	Wibaux	Yellowstone
Farms number..	301	557	382	110	655	144	178	1 097
Land in farms acres..	839 345	1 116 889	1 090 966	605 527	1 786 617	833 757	475 427	1 526 007
Average size of farm acres..	2 789	2 005	2 856	5 505	2 728	5 790	2 671	1 391
Median size of farm acres..	821	650	2 045	1 125	1 280	2 434	1 201	165
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	1 199 451	686 080	730 058	904 841	535 490	1 224 219	448 708	524 451
Average per acre dollars..	423	360	278	175	199	217	170	372
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :								
Average per farm dollars..	73 453	103 486	118 870	124 248	94 760	103 961	72 453	57 202
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	7	12	2	—	9	3	1	59
10 to 49 acres	30	45	8	6	28	2	9	297
50 to 179 acres	52	84	27	16	67	12	14	203
180 to 499 acres	40	92	36	17	98	11	31	187
500 to 999 acres	32	93	38	14	96	24	28	95
1,000 acres or more	140	231	271	57	357	92	95	256
Total cropland farms..	240	494	343	85	597	122	154	873
Harvested cropland acres..	100 863	581 422	680 472	47 193	740 152	181 955	138 858	381 390
Irrigated land farms..	202	432	287	80	511	109	137	709
..... acres..	59 141	343 501	313 441	30 103	363 236	105 095	71 295	192 292
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	21 345	71 962	39 178	17 567	47 785	22 834	10 562	96 044
Average per farm dollars..	70 914	129 196	102 560	159 700	72 954	158 571	59 337	87 551
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	2 016	45 970	31 022	6 229	25 788	6 445	4 221	30 131
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	19 329	25 992	8 156	11 338	21 996	16 389	6 341	65 913
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	47	85	69	12	116	18	27	273
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32	30	13	6	28	5	10	140
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	41	27	12	51	8	17	121
\$10,000 to \$24,999	48	58	40	10	107	16	26	172
\$25,000 to \$49,999	40	53	26	17	104	25	32	109
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48	88	67	22	122	22	27	99
\$100,000 or more	64	202	140	31	127	50	39	183
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	19 063	59 378	30 150	14 174	39 159	18 699	8 605	83 469
Average per farm dollars..	63 544	106 604	78 927	128 855	59 785	129 857	48 341	76 158
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ farms..	300	557	382	110	655	144	178	1 097
..... \$1,000..	2 356	15 077	8 827	3 265	8 299	4 282	1 159	11 057
Average per farm dollars..	7 853	27 068	23 108	29 679	12 671	29 736	6 510	10 079
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	211	406	285	80	475	112	119	587
Other	90	151	97	30	180	32	59	510
Operators by days worked off farm:								
Any	136	232	152	39	275	59	79	614
200 days or more	66	119	76	21	145	26	48	397
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	219	309	137	88	335	105	121	675
..... number..	50 652	62 193	20 144	32 027	64 448	35 960	18 708	118 621
Beef cows farms..	205	284	125	85	326	103	112	564
..... number..	32 311	34 382	(D)	(D)	40 501	21 664	(D)	45 742
Milk cows farms..	16	13	5	2	10	7	5	36
..... number..	30	459	(D)	(D)	22	424	(D)	1 628
Cattle and calves sold farms..	224	302	134	89	338	107	120	662
..... number..	34 607	39 312	13 100	21 317	44 037	21 980	11 921	98 093
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	8	14	7	5	5	8	7	17
..... number..	2 015	14 252	(D)	10	205	8 297	834	132
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	6	13	8	—	5	7	7	13
..... number..	4 514	19 561	14 007	—	(D)	15 875	1 237	555
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	60	40	14	4	33	46	14	97
..... number..	12 518	8 489	1 818	(D)	4 199	23 275	1 125	5 732
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	13	18	15	4	13	3	6	42
..... number..	259	(D)	(D)	23	369	(D)	476	697
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	1	3	1	—	1	1	—	1
..... number..	(D)	(D)	(D)	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for silage or green chop farms..	—	—	—	18	7	—	1	114
..... acres..	—	—	—	2 481	732	—	(D)	11 290
..... tons, green..	—	—	—	58 962	13 816	—	(D)	239 831
Wheat for grain farms..	16	226	252	28	402	50	91	208
..... acres..	8 222	167 591	231 870	6 558	286 633	45 468	44 571	97 210
Barley for grain bushels..	291 625	6 717 916	6 490 182	280 515	6 790 235	1 609 696	963 248	3 234 657
..... farms..	24	276	132	24	94	40	42	179
..... acres..	2 877	112 861	61 384	1 932	14 888	17 293	3 995	18 700
Oats for grain bushels..	130 878	7 052 820	2 719 524	147 703	590 473	837 595	142 635	1 309 766
..... farms..	33	23	5	8	29	21	39	31
..... acres..	1 583	1 023	534	220	1 164	1 229	2 376	1 229
Sugar beets for sugar bushels..	98 176	57 877	20 184	9 860	57 688	65 534	107 457	75 650
..... farms..	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	81
..... acres..	—	—	—	4 061	—	—	—	9 755
..... tons..	—	—	—	99 331	—	—	—	211 375
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	196	276	107	63	306	97	115	595
..... acres..	47 413	61 447	18 006	12 982	59 752	44 990	21 833	52 085
..... tons, dry..	88 226	151 101	24 275	28 058	112 852	80 926	24 361	115 109

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.