

CENTRAL WYOMING

Regional Agriculture Profile

This section describes the agriculture sector in Fremont County, Wyoming and the neighboring region (Teton and Hot Springs counties). It briefly frames Fremont County within the bigger picture of agriculture in Wyoming.

Wyoming Agriculture is the state's third largest economic sector, contributing

\$1.7 billion

to the state's economy.



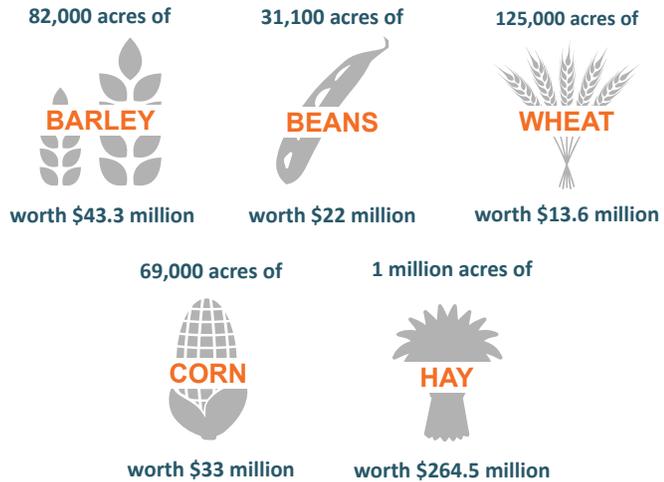
The state has 11,600 farms with the average size 2,600 acres.

Wyoming ranks

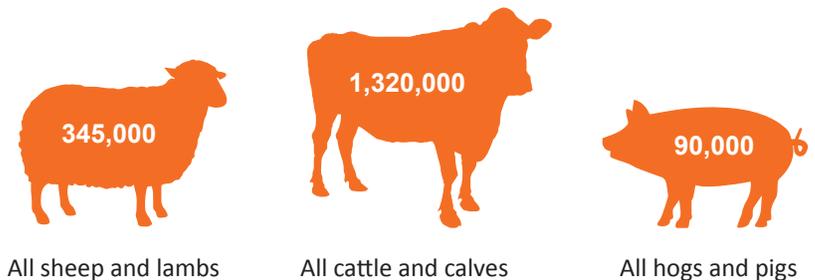
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in the nation for the average size of farm, 11th with the amount of land in farms, and 39th in the number of farms.

Top crops:



Livestock inventory:



Regional Crop and Livestock Production Capacity

Farm Income

Total farm income in Fremont County is an even split between the value of crops and the value of livestock. The ratio is Hot Springs and Teton counties is about two-thirds from livestock and a third from crops.

INCOME	Wyoming	Fremont County	Hot Springs County	Teton County
Value of crops	338,000,000	50,986,000	2,091,000	2,185,000
Value of livestock	1,084,000,000	51,496,000	14,354,000	6,851,000
Market value of ag products sold	1,723,000,000	102,482,000	16,445,000	9,036,000

Source: Ag Census 2012

County Estimates: Cattle - Northwest Wyoming (2016 - 2017)

		2016	2017
Fremont	All Cattle:	81,000	82,000
	Beef Cows:	52,000	53,000
		2016	2017
Big Horn	All Cattle:	48,500	49,000
	Beef Cows:	25,500	25,500
		2016	2017
Park	All Cattle:	38,000	38,500
	Beef Cows:	(D)	(D)
		2016	2017
Washakie	All Cattle:	25,500	25,500
	Beef Cows:	16,500	16,700
		2016	2017
Hot Springs	All Cattle:	23,000	23,000
	Beef Cows:	14,000	14,000

Source: Wyoming Agricultural Statistics 2017, USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service

Farm & Ranch Characteristics

The number of farms is declining in the region, possibly due to the aging of farmers and ranchers.

County	Fremont	Hot Springs	Teton
Number farms 2012	1,363	178	154
Number farms 2007	1,394	180	180
% change	-2	-1	-14
Land in farms 2012 (acres)	1,710,015	517,276	40,160
Land in farms 2007 (acres)	1,800,539	547,276	52,930
% change	-5	-5	-24
Ave. size farm (acres)	1,255	2,906	261
Ave. age operator	57.7	61.2	58.4

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture, County Profiles

Fremont County Agriculture Industry Characteristics

In Fremont County, agriculture ranked 18th out of 20 industries for earnings per worker in 2017. The sector lost 60 jobs for a 15 percent decrease between 2012 and 2017.



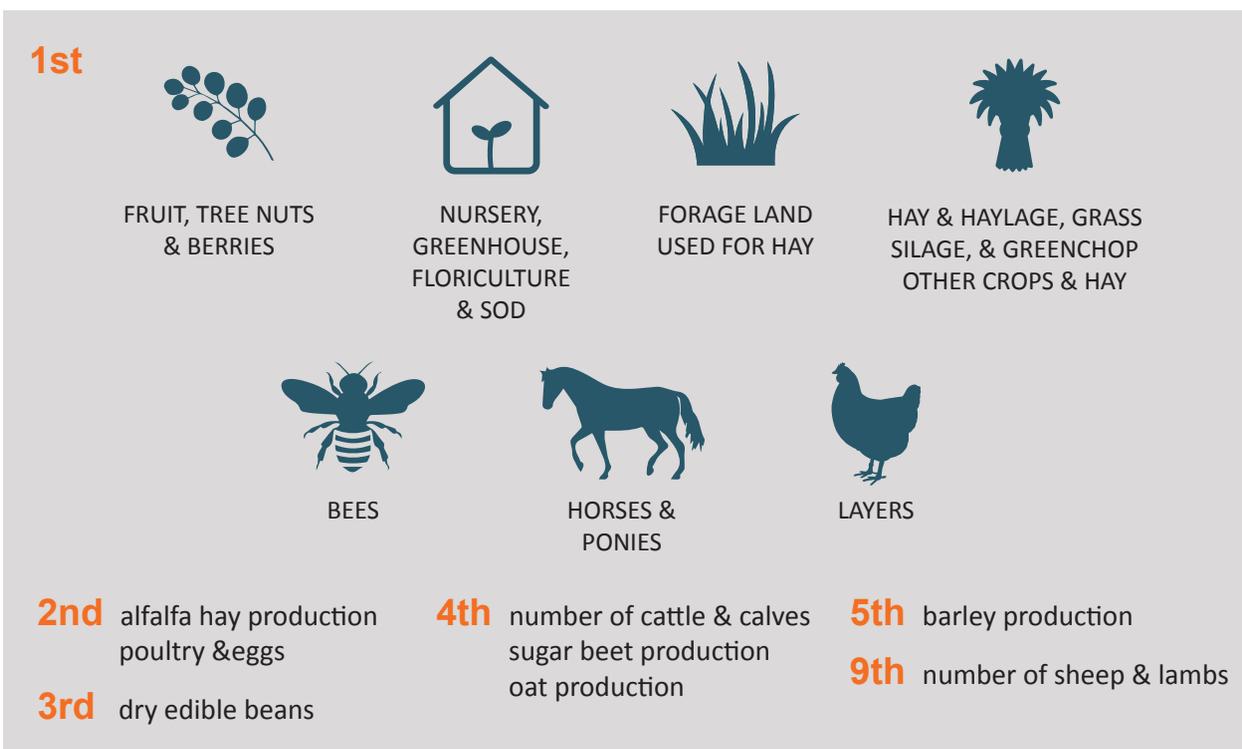
Source: Fremont County Economic Overview, Emsi Q3 2018 Data Set

According to the five-year Census of Agriculture conducted by the US Department of Agriculture, 1,710,015 acres were used for crop and livestock production in 2012 with 88.1% in pastureland, 9.8% in Cropland and 2.1% assigned for other uses.

Top Commodities - Fremont County

Fremont County is well-known for producing top quality alfalfa hay, ranking in the top two counties in Wyoming for hay production. A fact that might not be as well-known is that Fremont county ranks ninth nationally for the number of horses.

Fremont County ranking among Wyoming counties:



Crop Production - Fremont County: 2016

Hay, Alfalfa



57,000 Acres Harvested
3.7 Tons Yield Per Acre/Unit
213,000 Production

Sugar Beets



1,700 Acres Harvested
28 Tons Yield Per Acre/Unit
42,000 Production

Source: Wyoming Agricultural Statistics 2017, USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service

2012 Census of Agriculture - Rankings for Fremont County

Ranked items among the 23 Wyoming counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	U.S. Rank
Market Value of Agriculture Products Sold (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	102,482	4	1,145
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	50,966	4	1,150
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	51,496	8	885
Value of Sales by Commodity Group (\$1,000)			
<i>Items with 0 or non-disclosed were omitted</i>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans and dry peas	11,369	6	1,466
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	154	1	1,215
Other crops and hay	37,997	1	75
Poultry and eggs	66	2	1,522
Cattle and calves	44,767	10	313
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	2,954	8	47
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,470	2	153
Other animals and other animal products	2,126	3	108
Top Crop Items (acres)			
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass stage, & greenchop	128,298	1	10
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	5,952	5	59
Barley for grain	5,319	5	125
Corn for grain	2,815	6	1,607
Corn for silage	2,314	6	706
Top Livestock Inventory Items (number)			
Cattle and calves	81,268	4	183
Sheep and lambs	16,103	10	63
Colonies of bees	12,069	1	57
Horses and ponies	11,866	1	9
Layers	3,107	1	1,018