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Farms and Land in Farms Highlights

The number of farms in the United States for 2024 is estimated at 1,880,000, down 14,950 farms from 2023. The number of farms decreased in all sales classes except the $1,000,000 or more sales class. In 2024, 48.1 percent of all farms had less than $10,000 in sales and 78.9 percent of all farms had less than $100,000 in sales. In 2024, 9.8 percent of all farms had sales of $500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 876,460,000 acres, decreased 2,100,000 acres from 2023. The biggest change for 2024 is that producers in Sales Class $1,000,000 or more operated 1,490,000 more acres than in 2023. In 2024, 25.9 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than $100,000 in sales, while 50.0 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of $500,000 or more.

The average farm size for 2024 is 466 acres, up from 464 acres the previous year.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size – United States: 2017-2024

Year	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average farm size
	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)
2017	2,042,000	900,370	441
2018	2,023,200	898,860	444
2019	2,007,600	894,930	446
2020	1,992,200	893,110	448
2021	1,959,550	888,800	454
2022	1,900,650	879,660	463
2023	1,894,950	878,560	464
2024	1,880,000	876,460	466

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – United States: 2023-2024

Economic sales class	Percent of total				Average farm size	
	Number of farms		Land in farms			
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(acres)	(acres)
$1,000 - $9,999	48.3	48.1	8.5	8.5	82	82
$10,000 - $99,999	30.7	30.8	17.7	17.4	267	263
$100,000 - $249,999	6.6	6.6	11.2	11.4	785	799
$250,000 - $499,999	4.6	4.6	12.7	12.8	1,283	1,289
$500,000 - $999,999	3.7	3.7	14.3	14.2	1,788	1,789
$1,000,000 or more	6.0	6.1	35.5	35.8	2,723	2,727
Total [1]	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	464	466

[1] Percent of total may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	37,100	37,100	8,600	8,600	232	232
Alaska	1,200	1,200	870	870	725	725
Arizona	16,400	15,100	25,000	25,000	1,524	1,656
Arkansas	37,400	37,200	13,700	13,600	366	366
California	62,900	62,500	23,800	23,700	378	379
Colorado	35,900	35,000	30,000	29,300	836	837
Connecticut	5,100	4,900	370	370	73	76
Delaware	2,150	2,150	520	520	242	242
Florida	44,400	44,400	9,700	9,700	218	218
Georgia	39,000	38,300	10,000	9,900	256	258
Hawaii	6,600	6,500	1,050	1,050	159	162
Idaho	22,600	22,500	11,500	11,500	509	511
Illinois	70,700	70,000	26,300	26,300	372	376
Indiana	53,300	52,000	14,600	14,500	274	279
Iowa	86,800	86,700	30,000	30,000	346	346
Kansas	55,500	55,500	44,800	44,800	807	807
Kentucky	69,100	69,100	12,400	12,400	179	179
Louisiana	24,800	24,600	8,000	8,000	323	325
Maine	7,000	7,000	1,200	1,200	171	171
Maryland	12,600	12,600	2,000	2,000	159	159
Massachusetts	7,100	6,900	470	470	66	68
Michigan	45,300	44,000	9,500	9,400	210	214
Minnesota	65,300	65,300	25,400	25,400	389	389
Mississippi	31,100	30,800	10,300	10,200	331	331
Missouri	87,600	85,700	27,000	26,900	308	314
Montana	24,300	23,800	57,600	57,400	2,370	2,412
Nebraska	44,400	44,300	44,000	44,000	991	993
Nevada	3,100	3,100	5,900	5,900	1,903	1,903
New Hampshire	3,950	3,850	420	420	106	109
New Jersey	10,000	9,900	700	700	70	71
New Mexico	20,900	20,800	39,100	38,900	1,871	1,870
New York	30,700	30,500	6,500	6,500	212	213
North Carolina	42,500	42,100	8,100	8,100	191	192
North Dakota	24,800	24,800	38,500	38,500	1,552	1,552
Ohio	75,800	74,000	13,700	13,500	181	182
Oklahoma	70,300	70,000	32,900	32,900	468	470
Oregon	35,500	35,500	15,300	15,300	431	431
Pennsylvania	49,000	48,800	7,100	7,100	145	145
Rhode Island	1,050	1,000	60	60	57	60
South Carolina	22,600	22,600	4,600	4,600	204	204
South Dakota	28,300	28,300	42,300	42,300	1,495	1,495
Tennessee	63,100	62,900	10,700	10,700	170	170
Texas	231,000	231,000	125,000	125,000	541	541
Utah	17,400	17,300	10,500	10,500	603	607
Vermont	6,500	6,300	1,200	1,200	185	190
Virginia	39,000	39,000	7,300	7,300	187	187
Washington	32,000	31,800	13,900	13,800	434	434
West Virginia	22,800	22,600	3,500	3,500	154	155
Wisconsin	58,500	58,200	13,800	13,800	236	237
Wyoming	10,500	10,500	28,800	28,800	2,743	2,743
United States	1,894,950	1,880,000	878,560	876,460	464	466

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Economic sales class: $1,000-$9,999					
	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	19,800	20,000	2,300	2,300	116	115
Alaska	620	610	230	220	371	361
Arizona	11,900	10,700	2,600	2,900	218	271
Arkansas	16,900	16,800	1,600	1,550	95	92
California	22,000	21,900	1,150	1,050	52	48
Colorado	20,300	19,900	2,300	2,300	113	116
Connecticut	3,100	3,400	100	100	32	29
Delaware	740	740	40	40	54	54
Florida	25,000	25,000	1,100	1,100	44	44
Georgia	20,600	19,900	2,300	2,200	112	111
Hawaii	3,600	3,600	60	60	17	17
Idaho	12,200	12,100	700	700	57	58
Illinois	23,900	21,800	1,150	1,100	48	50
Indiana	22,500	22,000	940	950	42	43
Iowa	22,400	22,400	950	850	42	38
Kansas	20,600	20,600	2,000	2,100	97	102
Kentucky	39,400	39,400	2,500	2,500	63	63
Louisiana	13,200	13,100	930	920	70	70
Maine	3,950	3,950	350	350	89	89
Maryland	6,700	6,700	300	300	45	45
Massachusetts	3,950	3,850	160	160	41	42
Michigan	22,600	21,500	1,000	950	44	44
Minnesota	23,000	23,000	1,600	1,600	70	70
Mississippi	16,900	16,700	2,200	2,100	130	126
Missouri	38,600	36,400	3,000	2,800	78	77
Montana	9,900	9,900	1,800	1,900	182	192
Nebraska	11,300	11,100	1,000	1,000	88	90
Nevada	1,500	1,500	160	160	107	107
New Hampshire	2,400	2,300	170	170	71	74
New Jersey	6,300	6,300	160	160	25	25
New Mexico	13,600	13,600	4,300	4,200	316	309
New York	13,500	13,500	940	940	70	70
North Carolina	23,400	23,200	1,350	1,300	58	56
North Dakota	6,500	6,400	1,000	1,000	154	156
Ohio	35,900	35,200	1,600	1,550	45	44
Oklahoma	35,000	34,800	3,300	3,100	94	89
Oregon	21,100	21,100	900	900	43	43
Pennsylvania	22,000	22,000	1,300	1,300	59	59
Rhode Island	560	540	10	10	18	19
South Carolina	14,500	14,600	1,400	1,400	97	96
South Dakota	7,000	7,000	1,100	1,100	157	157
Tennessee	38,700	38,500	2,500	2,450	65	64
Texas	140,000	140,000	13,400	13,400	96	96
Utah	10,100	10,000	600	500	59	50
Vermont	3,300	3,300	300	300	91	91
Virginia	21,400	21,400	1,500	1,500	70	70
Washington	17,800	17,700	800	800	45	45
West Virginia	15,700	15,400	1,500	1,450	96	94
Wisconsin	24,200	24,100	1,500	1,500	62	62
Wyoming	4,500	4,500	900	800	200	178
United States	914,620	903,990	75,050	74,090	82	82

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Economic sales class: $10,000-$99,999					
	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	12,100	12,200	2,700	2,700	223	221
Alaska	450	460	370	370	822	804
Arizona	3,200	3,100	9,000	7,300	2,813	2,355
Arkansas	13,400	13,300	3,300	3,250	246	244
California	20,000	19,700	3,000	3,000	150	152
Colorado	10,000	9,700	5,500	5,300	550	546
Connecticut	1,500	1,000	100	100	67	100
Delaware	460	460	40	40	87	87
Florida	13,000	13,000	1,850	1,850	142	142
Georgia	11,400	11,500	2,500	2,400	219	209
Hawaii	2,400	2,300	160	160	67	70
Idaho	5,600	5,600	1,400	1,400	250	250
Illinois	19,700	19,300	2,300	2,200	117	114
Indiana	15,400	15,200	1,400	1,500	91	99
Iowa	25,200	25,200	3,100	3,100	123	123
Kansas	19,100	18,600	5,800	5,400	304	290
Kentucky	23,000	22,900	3,800	3,750	165	164
Louisiana	8,100	8,000	1,750	1,700	216	213
Maine	2,250	2,250	340	340	151	151
Maryland	3,500	3,500	400	400	114	114
Massachusetts	2,200	2,200	150	150	68	68
Michigan	13,000	13,000	1,200	1,200	92	92
Minnesota	18,100	18,100	2,600	2,500	144	138
Mississippi	9,800	9,700	2,600	2,600	265	268
Missouri	34,300	34,800	7,300	7,100	213	204
Montana	7,000	6,700	6,300	6,100	900	910
Nebraska	12,700	12,500	3,900	3,700	307	296
Nevada	850	850	230	230	271	271
New Hampshire	1,200	1,200	150	150	125	125
New Jersey	2,450	2,400	140	140	57	58
New Mexico	5,300	5,300	7,600	7,600	1,434	1,434
New York	10,600	10,500	1,550	1,550	146	148
North Carolina	11,100	10,900	1,450	1,450	131	133
North Dakota	6,100	6,300	3,000	3,200	492	508
Ohio	24,400	23,800	2,500	2,500	102	105
Oklahoma	26,800	26,800	8,600	8,600	321	321
Oregon	9,300	9,300	2,500	2,500	269	269
Pennsylvania	15,400	15,400	1,800	1,800	117	117
Rhode Island	350	350	20	20	57	57
South Carolina	5,800	5,700	1,200	1,100	207	193
South Dakota	8,600	8,800	3,600	3,800	419	432
Tennessee	19,900	20,000	3,500	3,500	176	175
Texas	71,300	71,300	31,600	31,600	443	443
Utah	5,300	5,300	1,700	1,700	321	321
Vermont	2,100	1,950	300	300	143	154
Virginia	12,800	13,000	2,200	2,150	172	165
Washington	8,200	8,100	1,900	1,800	232	222
West Virginia	6,200	6,300	1,400	1,450	226	230
Wisconsin	18,300	18,300	2,100	2,100	115	115
Wyoming	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,400	1,030	1,030
United States	582,510	579,420	155,300	152,250	267	263

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Economic sales class: $100,000-$249,999					
	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	1,150	1,050	670	670	583	638
Alaska	60	60	90	90	1,500	1,500
Arizona	420	400	5,000	6,300	11,905	15,750
Arkansas	1,200	1,200	890	890	742	742
California	5,600	5,500	2,000	2,000	357	364
Colorado	2,100	1,900	4,000	3,900	1,905	2,053
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	120	120	20	20	167	167
Florida	2,300	2,300	980	980	426	426
Georgia	1,350	1,400	570	570	422	407
Hawaii	260	260	140	140	538	538
Idaho	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,200	857	857
Illinois	7,500	8,000	1,900	1,800	253	225
Indiana	4,700	4,600	960	1,050	204	228
Iowa	10,800	10,800	2,500	2,600	231	241
Kansas	5,400	5,600	4,600	4,500	852	804
Kentucky	2,450	2,450	960	960	392	392
Louisiana	1,000	1,050	820	830	820	790
Maine	370	370	90	90	243	243
Maryland	700	700	170	170	243	243
Massachusetts	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	3,200	3,200	850	800	266	250
Minnesota	6,400	6,300	1,950	1,900	305	302
Mississippi	800	750	470	450	588	600
Missouri	5,700	5,400	3,200	3,000	561	556
Montana	2,500	2,400	6,800	6,700	2,720	2,792
Nebraska	6,300	6,300	4,500	4,600	714	730
Nevada	210	210	730	730	3,476	3,476
New Hampshire	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey	450	420	90	90	200	214
New Mexico	880	800	6,100	6,100	6,932	7,625
New York	2,600	2,500	660	660	254	264
North Carolina	1,500	1,550	460	510	307	329
North Dakota	2,700	2,600	3,000	2,900	1,111	1,115
Ohio	5,900	5,900	1,350	1,350	229	229
Oklahoma	4,100	4,100	5,600	5,600	1,366	1,366
Oregon	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,700	944	944
Pennsylvania	4,400	4,400	1,050	1,050	239	239
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	620	630	270	290	435	460
South Dakota	3,700	3,600	4,700	4,500	1,270	1,250
Tennessee	1,600	1,450	780	780	488	538
Texas	8,500	8,600	17,800	17,900	2,094	2,081
Utah	860	860	1,000	1,100	1,163	1,279
Vermont	470	420	100	100	213	238
Virginia	1,600	1,600	800	850	500	531
Washington	1,600	1,600	1,250	1,250	781	781
West Virginia	380	400	200	210	526	525
Wisconsin	6,100	6,000	1,600	1,600	262	267
Wyoming	1,200	1,200	4,100	4,200	3,417	3,500
Other States [1]	860	780	110	110	(X)	(X)
United States	125,810	124,930	98,780	99,790	785	799

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes data withheld above.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Economic sales class: $250,000-$499,999					
	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	650	650	530	530	815	815
Alaska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona	240	250	2,100	2,200	8,750	9,200
Arkansas	850	850	830	830	976	976
California	3,900	4,000	2,550	2,550	654	638
Colorado	1,500	1,500	4,900	4,700	3,267	3,000
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	90	90	30	30	333	333
Florida	1,350	1,300	1,300	1,200	963	923
Georgia	1,050	1,100	680	730	648	664
Hawaii	150	150	110	110	733	733
Idaho	1,150	1,150	1,500	1,500	1,304	1,304
Illinois	7,000	7,400	3,100	3,100	443	419
Indiana	3,400	3,200	1,000	1,100	294	344
Iowa	9,400	9,400	3,550	3,550	378	378
Kansas	3,750	3,850	6,400	6,400	1,707	1,662
Kentucky	1,200	1,250	700	700	583	560
Louisiana	550	500	670	660	1,218	1,320
Maine	160	160	50	50	313	313
Maryland	420	420	170	170	405	405
Massachusetts	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	2,400	2,300	1,000	1,050	417	457
Minnesota	5,300	5,400	2,250	2,300	425	426
Mississippi	550	600	500	520	909	867
Missouri	3,000	2,900	2,350	2,600	783	897
Montana	2,200	2,100	12,000	11,900	5,455	5,619
Nebraska	4,500	4,600	6,300	6,500	1,400	1,413
Nevada	240	240	990	990	4,125	4,167
New Hampshire	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey	240	220	70	70	292	318
New Mexico	460	460	6,600	6,600	14,348	14,348
New York	1,550	1,550	580	580	374	374
North Carolina	1,150	1,100	520	520	452	473
North Dakota	2,600	2,550	4,800	4,600	1,846	1,804
Ohio	3,600	3,400	1,550	1,600	431	471
Oklahoma	1,800	1,700	4,700	4,800	2,611	2,824
Oregon	1,150	1,150	2,000	2,000	1,739	1,739
Pennsylvania	2,900	2,900	830	830	286	286
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	370	380	230	260	622	684
South Dakota	3,400	3,300	6,700	6,500	1,971	1,970
Tennessee	870	830	580	600	667	723
Texas	3,750	3,750	16,900	17,000	4,507	4,533
Utah	450	450	1,000	900	2,222	2,000
Vermont	290	290	120	120	414	414
Virginia	890	890	600	600	674	674
Washington	1,250	1,250	1,650	1,650	1,320	1,320
West Virginia	150	130	100	100	667	769
Wisconsin	4,200	4,150	1,700	1,700	405	410
Wyoming	720	720	5,000	5,000	6,944	6,944
Other States [1]	540	530	220	230	(X)	(X)
United States	87,330	87,060	112,010	112,230	1,283	1,289

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(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes data withheld above.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Economic sales class: $500,000-$999,999					
	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	900	900	600	600	667	667
Alaska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona	200	200	800	900	4,000	4,500
Arkansas	1,000	1,000	880	880	880	880
California	3,100	3,000	2,400	2,400	774	800
Colorado	900	900	5,000	4,900	5,556	5,444
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	170	170	90	90	529	529
Florida	1,000	1,000	770	770	770	770
Georgia	1,250	1,300	850	900	680	692
Hawaii	80	80	170	170	2,125	2,125
Idaho	800	800	1,200	1,200	1,500	1,500
Illinois	5,200	5,400	3,550	3,400	683	630
Indiana	2,700	2,600	1,700	1,600	630	615
Iowa	8,200	8,100	5,300	5,300	646	654
Kansas	3,150	3,250	8,800	8,600	2,794	2,646
Kentucky	1,000	1,050	840	890	840	848
Louisiana	650	650	930	940	1,431	1,446
Maine	110	110	60	60	545	545
Maryland	450	450	260	260	578	578
Massachusetts	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	1,600	1,600	1,100	1,100	688	688
Minnesota	4,500	4,400	3,600	3,600	800	818
Mississippi	750	750	730	730	973	973
Missouri	2,200	2,000	2,950	2,900	1,341	1,450
Montana	1,600	1,600	12,500	12,400	7,813	7,750
Nebraska	4,300	4,200	8,400	8,100	1,953	1,929
Nevada	130	130	740	740	5,692	5,692
New Hampshire	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey	220	220	70	70	318	318
New Mexico	290	290	6,200	6,100	21,379	21,034
New York	850	850	520	520	612	612
North Carolina	1,200	1,200	820	820	683	683
North Dakota	2,850	2,850	6,500	6,500	2,281	2,281
Ohio	2,600	2,500	1,700	1,700	654	680
Oklahoma	1,300	1,300	4,600	4,600	3,538	3,538
Oregon	900	900	3,000	3,000	3,333	3,333
Pennsylvania	1,600	1,600	620	620	388	388
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	310	310	350	350	1,129	1,129
South Dakota	2,700	2,700	8,700	8,900	3,222	3,296
Tennessee	730	720	740	770	1,014	1,069
Texas	2,850	2,850	16,500	16,300	5,789	5,719
Utah	320	320	1,000	1,000	3,125	3,125
Vermont	150	150	80	80	533	533
Virginia	810	810	600	650	741	802
Washington	1,100	1,100	1,800	1,800	1,636	1,636
West Virginia	150	160	100	100	667	625
Wisconsin	2,450	2,400	1,500	1,500	612	625
Wyoming	440	440	5,600	5,600	12,727	12,727
Other States [1]	320	310	110	110	(X)	(X)
United States	70,080	69,620	125,330	124,520	1,788	1,789

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(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes data withheld above.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class – States and United States: 2023-2024

State	Economic sales class: $1,000,000 or more					
	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Alabama	2,500	2,300	1,800	1,800	720	783
Alaska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arizona	440	450	5,500	5,400	12,500	12,000
Arkansas	4,050	4,050	6,200	6,200	1,531	1,531
California	8,300	8,400	12,700	12,700	1,530	1,512
Colorado	1,100	1,100	8,300	8,200	7,545	7,455
Connecticut	100	100	100	100	1,000	1,000
Delaware	570	570	300	300	526	526
Florida	1,750	1,800	3,700	3,800	2,114	2,111
Georgia	3,350	3,100	3,100	3,100	925	1,000
Hawaii	110	110	410	410	3,727	3,727
Idaho	1,450	1,450	5,500	5,500	3,793	3,793
Illinois	7,400	8,100	14,300	14,700	1,932	1,815
Indiana	4,600	4,400	8,600	8,300	1,870	1,886
Iowa	10,800	10,800	14,600	14,600	1,352	1,352
Kansas	3,500	3,600	17,200	17,800	4,914	4,944
Kentucky	2,050	2,050	3,600	3,600	1,756	1,756
Louisiana	1,300	1,300	2,900	2,950	2,231	2,269
Maine	160	160	310	310	1,938	1,938
Maryland	830	830	700	700	843	843
Massachusetts	110	90	60	60	545	667
Michigan	2,500	2,400	4,350	4,300	1,740	1,792
Minnesota	8,000	8,100	13,400	13,500	1,675	1,667
Mississippi	2,300	2,300	3,800	3,800	1,652	1,652
Missouri	3,800	4,200	8,200	8,500	2,158	2,024
Montana	1,100	1,100	18,200	18,400	16,545	16,727
Nebraska	5,300	5,600	19,900	20,100	3,755	3,589
Nevada	170	170	3,050	3,050	17,941	17,941
New Hampshire	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Jersey	340	340	170	170	500	500
New Mexico	370	350	8,300	8,300	22,432	23,714
New York	1,600	1,600	2,250	2,250	1,406	1,406
North Carolina	4,150	4,150	3,500	3,500	843	843
North Dakota	4,050	4,100	20,200	20,300	4,988	4,951
Ohio	3,400	3,200	5,000	4,800	1,471	1,500
Oklahoma	1,300	1,300	6,100	6,200	4,692	4,769
Oregon	1,250	1,250	5,200	5,200	4,160	4,160
Pennsylvania	2,700	2,500	1,500	1,500	556	600
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	1,000	980	1,150	1,200	1,150	1,224
South Dakota	2,900	2,900	17,500	17,500	6,034	6,034
Tennessee	1,300	1,400	2,600	2,600	2,000	1,857
Texas	4,600	4,500	28,800	28,800	6,261	6,400
Utah	370	370	5,200	5,300	14,054	14,324
Vermont	190	190	300	300	1,579	1,579
Virginia	1,500	1,300	1,600	1,550	1,067	1,192
Washington	2,050	2,050	6,500	6,500	3,171	3,171
West Virginia	220	210	200	190	909	905
Wisconsin	3,250	3,250	5,400	5,400	1,662	1,662
Wyoming	340	340	9,800	9,800	28,824	28,824
Other States [1]	80	70	40	40	(X)	(X)
United States	114,600	114,980	312,090	313,580	2,723	2,727

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes data withheld above.

Statistical Methodology

Procedures: Data are collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during the June Agricultural Survey using sampling procedures to ensure every farm and ranch has a chance of being selected. NASS used a multiple sampling frame approach to count farms and measure land in farms. An Area Sampling Frame that divided all land into segments is built for every state except Alaska. A sample of segments was selected in each state except Alaska and Hawaii and enumerated in early June. Highly trained interviewers located each sampled segment and identified every farm and ranch operating land in the segment and the number of acres in each operation.

These data are used to compute summaries of farm numbers and acres of land in farms. Additionally, all farms found in the segments were checked against a list of farms and ranches maintained by NASS to determine if the farm is on the list. Operations found in the Area Frame sample that were not on the list provided a measure of incompleteness of the list. The summarized totals for these non-overlap (or not-on-list) operations were combined with summarized totals collected from a sample selected from the list to calculate additional indications of farms and land in farms.

In 2020, NASS implemented a statistical modeling approach to generate survey indications. This approach was in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection processes and the suspension of in-person data collection. NASS has been doing everything possible to keep all parties involved safe and slow the spread of the virus while continuing to produce critical data about American agriculture.

Estimation Procedures: Data are checked for reasonableness and consistency and summarized for each state. Field Offices perform a thorough review of their survey results and historical data relationships and recommend official estimates. Estimates were established under secure conditions to protect reports until they were publicly released at preannounced dates and times. Headquarters established national estimates and ensured that state estimates are in balance with the national numbers.

Revision Policy: Estimates are subject to revision the following year and following review of the five-year Census of Agriculture. The basis for revision must be supported by additional data which directly affect the level of the estimate.

Reliability: Two types of survey errors, sampling and non-sampling, are possible in the final estimates, and both can affect the quality of the estimates.

Sampling error occurs because a complete census is not taken. The sampling error measures the variation in estimates from the average of all possible samples. An estimate of 100 with a sampling error of 1 would mean that chances are 19 out of 20 that the estimates from all possible samples averaged together would be between 98 and 102; which is the survey estimate, plus or minus two times the sampling error. The sampling error expressed as a percent of the estimate is called the coefficient of variation. In 2024, the coefficient of variation for the United States number of farms was 1.8 percent and land in farms 2.2 percent. The coefficients of variation by economic sales class ranged from 2.9 percent to 3.7 percent for number of farms and 3.4 to 6.4 percent for land in farms at the United States level.

Non-sampling errors can occur in complete censuses as well as sample surveys. They are caused by the inability to obtain correct information from each person surveyed, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, and mistakes in coding or processing the data. Special efforts are taken at each step of the survey to minimize non-sampling errors.

Terms and Definitions

A **farm** is "any place from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year." Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with the entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and other government conservation programs are counted as farms.

The definition of a farm was first established in 1850 and has changed nine times since. The current definition was first used for the 1974 Census.

Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms includes acres in CRP, WRP, and other government conservation programs.

Land in farms includes land owned and operated as well as land rented from others. Land used rent-free is included as land rented from others. All grazing land, except land used under government permits on a per-head basis, is included as land in farms provided it was part of a farm or ranch. Land under the exclusive use of a grazing association is reported by the grazing association and included as land in farms. All land in American Indian reservations used for growing crops or grazing livestock is included as land in farms. Land in reservations not reported by individual American Indians or non-Native Americans is reported in the name of the cooperative group that used the land. In many instances, the entire American Indian reservation is reported as one farm.

Economic sales classes are based on the gross value of agricultural products sold. Government program payments are also included.

Point Farms are places that did not have $1,000 of reported sales for the year, but had sufficient crops and livestock to normally have sales of $1,000 or more.

Farm Definition History

The definition of a farm has remained the same since 1974. Activities included as agriculture, however, have undergone modification in recent years. Beginning in 1995, operations having 5 or more horses or ponies and no other agricultural sales were counted as horse farms. An operation with 1 or more horses with agricultural sales of at least $1,000, qualified as a farm. Two industries, maple syrup and short rotation woody crop farms, were added beginning in 1997 as a result of the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). These changes were made to achieve comparability with the Census of Agriculture farm definition. All the changes in the farm definition beginning in 1995 were carried back to 1993 and included in the 1993-1998 estimates. These changes bring comparability between the Census of Agriculture data and the annually published NASS estimates. Because of these changes in the farm definition, the official estimates show a level difference in the number of farms between 1992 and 1993 in some states. To further align the counting of farms with the Census of Agriculture, places with 100 acres or more of pasture only in 2002 were included in farm and land in farm numbers. The handling of Indian reservation land was changed in 2002 to provide some accounting for individual farms.

Minimum Criteria for "FARM" Definition, 1840 – Present and Enumeration of Apiaries and Fur Farms

Year	Acres in Place	Value of Agricultural Products (Produced)	Value of Sales of Agricultural Products	Required some Agricultural Operations	Apiaries and Fur Farms Enumerated
1974 - Present	- -	- -	$1,000 or more	- -	- -
1959	Less than 10 10 or more	- - - -	$250 or more $50 or more	- - - -	- - - -
1954	Less than 3 3 or more	- - $150 or more	$150 or more - -	- - - -	- - - -
1950	Less than 3 3 or more	- - $150 or more	$150 or more - -	- - - -	Apiaries Fur Farms
1935 - 1945	Less than 3 3 or more	$250 or more - -	- - - -	- - X	Apiaries Fur Farms
1930	Less than 3 3 or more	$250 or more - -	- - - -	- - X	Apiaries - -
1925	Less than 3 3 or more	$250 or more - -	- - - -	- - X	- - - -
1910 - 1925	Less than 3 3 or more	$250 or more - -	- - - -	- - X	Apiaries - -
1900	Less than 3 3 or more	- - - -	- - - -	- - X	Apiaries - -
1870 - 1890	Less than 3 3 or more	- - - -	$500 or more - -	- - X	Apiaries - -
1860	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1850	- -	$100 or more	- -	- -	Apiaries
1840	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

Historic Estimates: Final estimates of Farms and Land in Farms in earlier years are available in Statistical Bulletins No. 1049 for 2013-2017, No. 1030 for 2008-2012, No. 1018 for 2003-2007, No. 991 for 1998-2002, No. 955 for 1993-97, No. 895 for 1988-92, No. 792 for 1979-87, SpSy3 for 1975-80, No. 594 for 1969-75, No. 507 for 1959-70, No. 316 for number of farm estimates for 1910-59 and land in farms estimates for 1950-59.

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