

Farms and Land in Farms



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Farm Numbers and Land in Farms Down Slightly

The number of farms in the United States in 1996 is estimated at 2.06 million, down less than one percent from 1995. Total land in farms is 968 million acres, also down less than one percent from last year. This decline in farm numbers and land in farms continues to follow historical trends. The average farm size was unchanged from 1995 at 469 acres.

The North Central Region was the only region to drop in farm numbers with a total decrease from 1995 of 11,500 farms, a 1.4 percent decline. The Northeast Region was up 0.2 percent or 300 farms. Farms in the South were up only 0.1 percent or 900 farms. The largest increase was in the West with a gain of 1,790 farms or 0.7 percent higher than 1995.

Texas remained the State with the most farms at 205,000, 3,000 more than a year earlier. Missouri was second with 104,000 farms, down 1,000 from last year, followed by Iowa with 98,000 farms, down 2,000 from 1995.

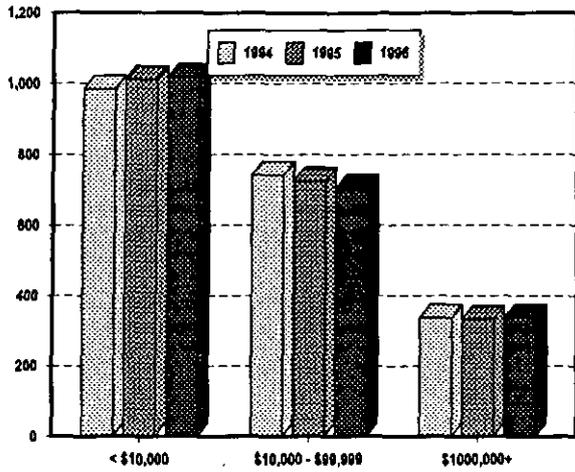
Eleven States increased in farm numbers while 20 states decreased from a year ago. Texas showed the largest increase with 3,000 farms while California and Mississippi showed increases of 2,000 farms from last year. Five States that showed the largest decreases of 2,000 farms each were Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio.

Texas continued to lead the nation in land in farms and ranches with 127.0 million acres, down 2 million acres from 1995. Two States with decreases of 400,000 acres in agricultural land from a year ago were Alabama and Mississippi, while New Mexico was off 300,000 acres. The largest increase in land in farms was in Louisiana with an increase of 200,000 from 1995.

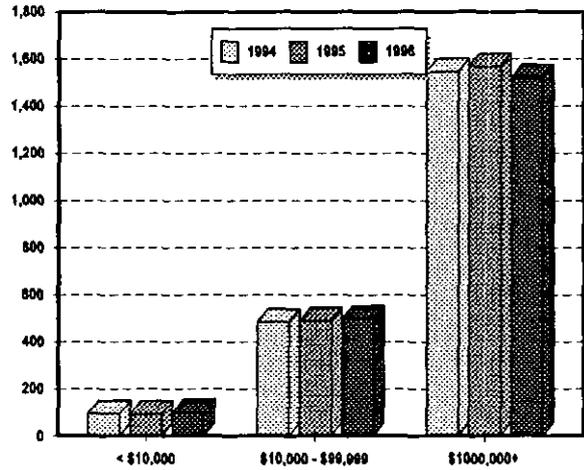
The number of U.S. farms in the economic sales class between \$1,000 and \$9,999 increased from 1,012,920 in 1995 to 1,019,310 in 1996. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 group decreased from 725,400 to 705,600. The \$100,000 and over sales group increased from 333,200 to 338,100 farms.

Estimates for the number of farms and land in farms refer to June 1. A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year."

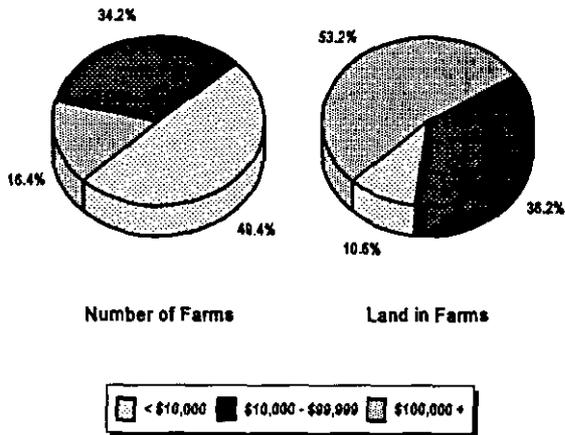
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Gross Value of Sales, 1994 - 96



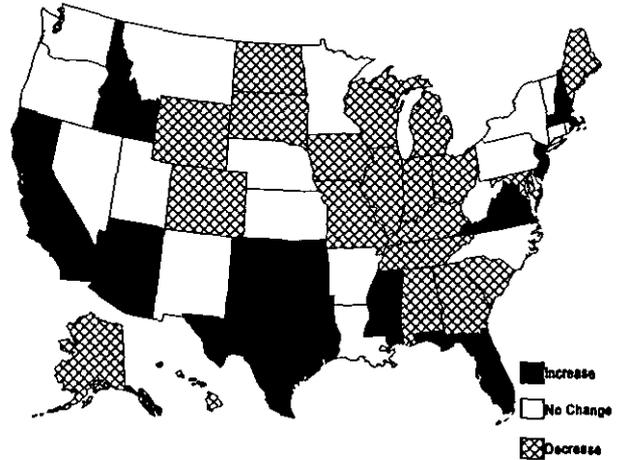
U.S. Average Farm Size by Sales Class
Gross Value of Sales, 1994 - 96



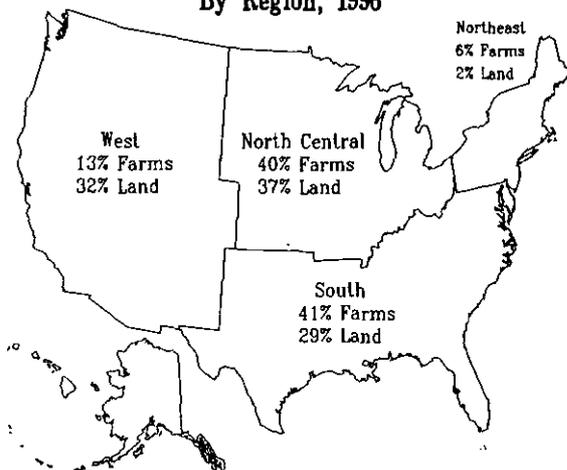
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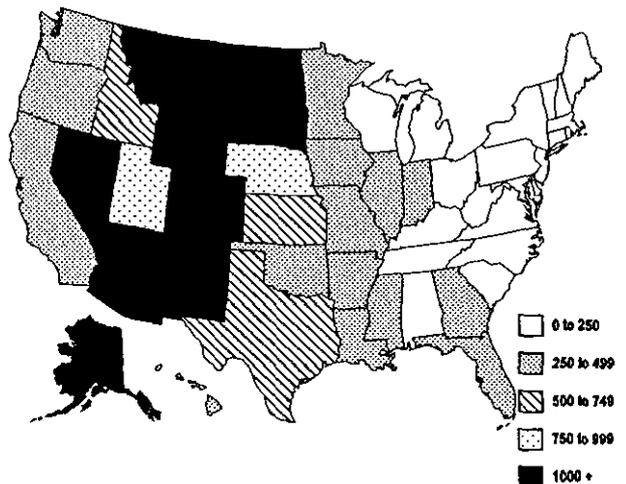
Change in Number of Farms Since 1995



Distribution of Farms and Land in Farms
By Region, 1996



Average Farm Size - June 1996

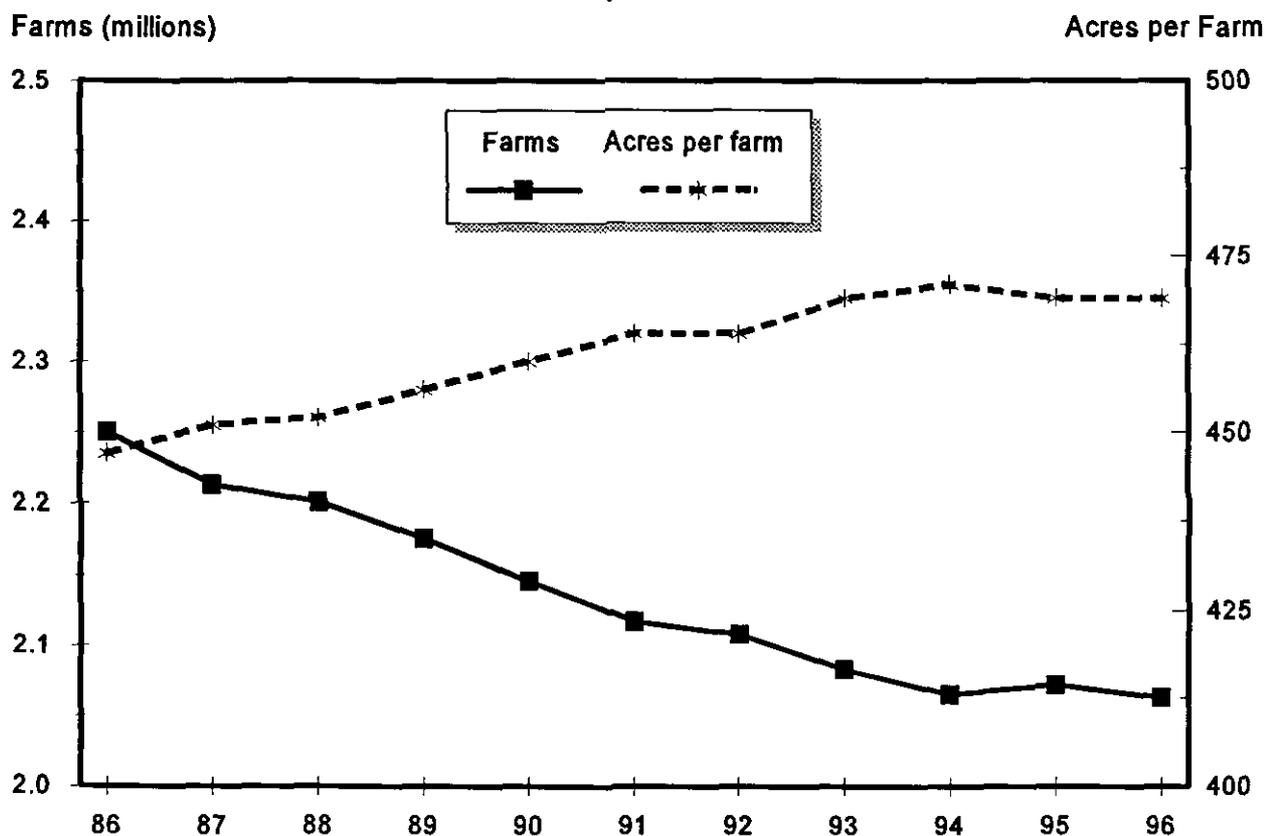


Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size:
United States, June 1, 1986-96 1/

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	1,000	1,000 Acres	Acres
1986	2,250	1,005,333	447
1987	2,213	998,923	451
1988	2,201	994,423	452
1989	2,175	990,723	456
1990	2,146	986,850	460
1991	2,117	981,736	464
1992	2,108	978,503	464
1993	2,083	976,463	469
1994	2,065	973,403	471
1995	2,072	972,253	469
1996	2,063	968,048	469

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size United States, June 1986 - 1996



Number of Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1994-96

State	1994	1995	1996
	Number		
AL	46,000	47,000	45,000
AK	520	520	510
AZ	7,400	7,400	7,500
AR	44,000	43,000	43,000
CA	79,000	80,000	82,000
CO	25,300	25,000	24,500
CT	3,800	3,800	3,800
DE	2,500	2,500	2,500
FL	39,000	39,000	40,000
GA	45,000	45,000	43,000
HI	4,800	4,800	4,600
ID	20,500	21,500	22,000
IL	77,000	77,000	76,000
IN	63,000	62,000	60,000
IA	101,000	100,000	98,000
KS	65,000	66,000	66,000
KY	89,000	89,000	88,000
LA	28,000	27,000	27,000
ME	7,600	7,600	7,400
MD	14,500	14,300	13,700
MA	6,000	6,000	6,200
MI	52,000	54,000	53,000
MN	85,000	87,000	87,000
MS	39,000	42,000	44,000
MO	105,000	105,000	104,000
MT	22,500	22,000	22,000
NE	55,000	56,000	56,000
NV	2,400	2,500	2,500
NH	2,400	2,300	2,400
NJ	8,900	9,000	9,200
NM	13,500	13,500	13,500
NY	36,000	36,000	36,000
NC	58,000	58,000	58,000
ND	32,000	32,000	31,000
OH	75,000	74,000	72,000
OK	70,000	71,000	72,000
OR	38,000	38,500	38,500
PA	51,000	50,000	50,000
RI	700	700	700
SC	23,000	22,000	21,500
SD	34,000	33,000	32,500
TN	83,000	81,000	80,000
TX	200,000	202,000	205,000
UT	13,000	13,400	13,400
VT	6,200	6,000	6,000
VA	46,000	47,000	48,000
WA	36,000	36,000	36,000
WV	20,000	20,000	20,000
WI	79,000	80,000	79,000
WY	9,200	9,200	9,100
US	2,064,720	2,071,520	2,063,010

Land in Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1994-96

State	1994	1995	1996
	1,000 Acres		
AL	10,200	10,200	9,800
AK	930	920	920
AZ	35,400	35,400	35,400
AR	15,100	15,000	15,000
CA	29,900	30,000	30,000
CO	32,700	32,700	32,500
CT	390	380	380
DE	570	570	565
FL	10,300	10,300	10,300
GA	12,100	12,000	11,800
HI	1,590	1,590	1,590
ID	13,500	13,500	13,500
IL	28,100	28,100	28,100
IN	16,000	15,900	15,900
IA	33,200	33,200	33,200
KS	47,800	47,800	47,800
KY	14,100	14,000	14,000
LA	8,400	8,500	8,700
ME	1,360	1,350	1,340
MD	2,200	2,200	2,100
MA	600	570	570
MI	10,700	10,700	10,600
MN	29,700	29,800	29,800
MS	12,800	13,000	12,600
MO	30,100	30,000	30,000
MT	59,700	59,700	59,700
NE	47,100	47,000	47,000
NV	8,800	8,800	8,800
NH	440	440	430
NJ	860	850	840
NM	44,200	44,000	43,700
NY	7,900	7,700	7,700
NC	9,300	9,200	9,200
ND	40,400	40,300	40,300
OH	15,200	15,200	15,100
OK	34,000	34,000	34,000
OR	17,500	17,500	17,500
PA	7,800	7,700	7,700
RI	63	63	63
SC	5,100	5,050	5,000
SD	44,200	44,000	44,000
TN	12,000	12,000	11,800
TX	129,000	129,000	127,000
UT	11,100	11,100	11,000
VT	1,400	1,370	1,350
VA	8,600	8,600	8,600
WA	15,800	15,800	15,700
WV	3,700	3,700	3,700
WI	16,900	16,900	16,800
WY	34,600	34,600	34,600
US	973,403	972,253	968,048

Number of Farms: Economic Sales Class by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1996

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
Northeast				
NY	16,400	11,600	8,000	36,000
PA	24,000	17,700	8,300	50,000
Other States 1/	22,100	7,200	6,400	35,700
Total	62,500	36,500	22,700	121,700
North Central				
IL	21,000	32,000	23,000	76,000
IN	23,000	24,000	13,000	60,000
IA	26,000	41,000	31,000	98,000
KS	25,000	30,500	10,500	66,000
MI	28,000	17,000	8,000	53,000
MN	31,000	33,000	23,000	87,000
MO	54,600	39,500	9,900	104,000
NE	11,500	26,500	18,000	56,000
ND	5,000	15,000	11,000	31,000
OH	35,000	27,000	10,000	72,000
SD	6,000	17,500	9,000	32,500
WI	32,400	27,400	19,200	79,000
Total	298,500	330,400	185,600	814,500
South				
AL 2/	31,000			45,000
AR	20,500	12,500	10,000	43,000
FL 2/	25,000			40,000
GA	24,000	12,000	7,000	43,000
KY 2/	47,000			88,000
LA 2/	15,500			27,000
MS 2/	31,500			44,000
NC	32,000	17,000	9,000	58,000
OK	40,200	26,500	5,300	72,000
TN 2/	57,000			80,000
TX	133,000	55,000	17,000	205,000
VA 2/	32,000			48,000
Other States 2/ 3/	39,300			57,700
Total	528,000	242,700	80,000	850,700
West				
CA	33,500	30,000	18,500	82,000
OR 2/	27,500			38,500
WA	20,200	7,800	8,000	36,000
Other States 2/ 4/	49,110			119,610
Total	130,310	96,000	49,800	276,110
US	1,019,310	705,600	338,100	2,063,010

1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, AND VT.

2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.

3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV.

4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1996

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	1,000 Acres			
Northeast				
NY	1,400	2,300	4,000	7,700
PA	1,800	3,000	2,900	7,700
Other States 1/	1,673	1,200	2,100	4,973
Total	4,873	6,500	9,000	20,373
North Central				
IL	800	6,950	20,350	28,100
IN	1,300	4,700	9,900	15,900
IA	1,700	10,700	20,800	33,200
KS	3,400	21,300	23,100	47,800
MI	1,400	3,100	6,100	10,600
MN	3,400	9,300	17,100	29,800
MO	5,300	14,000	10,700	30,000
NE	1,100	15,700	30,200	47,000
ND	900	13,500	25,900	40,300
OH	2,700	5,500	6,900	15,100
SD	1,000	20,000	23,000	44,000
WI	2,600	5,200	9,000	16,800
Total	25,600	129,950	203,050	358,600
South				
AL 2/	3,600			9,800
AR	1,800	2,300	10,900	15,000
FL 2/	1,800			10,300
GA	2,300	3,500	6,000	11,800
KY 2/	3,700			14,000
LA 2/	1,800			8,700
MS 2/	3,300			12,600
NC	1,700	2,600	4,900	9,200
OK	5,400	18,100	10,500	34,000
TN 2/	4,300			11,800
TX	22,000	55,000	50,000	127,000
VA 2/	2,200			8,600
Other States 2/ 3/	4,100			11,365
Total	58,000	115,000	111,165	284,165
West				
CA	2,300	7,600	20,100	30,000
OR 2/	1,700			17,500
WA	950	3,650	11,100	15,700
Other States 2/ 4/	9,500			241,710
Total	14,450	98,960	191,500	304,910
US	102,923	350,410	514,715	968,048

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Region, and United States, June 1, 1995

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
Northeast				
NY	16,800	11,400	7,800	36,000
PA	24,000	17,700	8,300	50,000
Other States 1/	21,700	8,000	5,700	35,400
Total	62,500	37,100	21,800	121,400
North Central				
IL	22,000	31,500	23,500	77,000
IN	24,500	25,000	12,500	62,000
IA	26,000	42,800	31,200	100,000
KS	25,000	30,500	10,500	66,000
MI	29,000	17,000	8,000	54,000
MN	35,000	34,000	18,000	87,000
MO	55,000	40,100	9,900	105,000
NE	10,500	27,500	18,000	56,000
ND	5,600	15,600	10,800	32,000
OH	37,500	26,500	10,000	74,000
SD	6,000	17,000	10,000	33,000
WI	32,600	28,100	19,300	80,000
Total	308,700	335,600	181,700	826,000
South				
AL 2/	32,000			47,000
AR	20,500	12,500	10,000	43,000
FL 2/	24,000			39,000
GA	25,400	12,500	7,100	45,000
KY 2/	48,000			89,000
LA 2/	15,500			27,000
MS 2/	29,000			42,000
NC	32,000	17,000	9,000	58,000
OK	39,200	26,500	5,300	71,000
TN 2/	57,000			81,000
TX	123,000	61,000	18,000	202,000
VA 2/	31,000			47,000
Other States 2/ 3/	38,500			58,800
Total	515,100	252,700	82,000	849,800
West				
CA	33,000	28,800	18,200	80,000
OR 2/	27,500			38,500
WA	20,300	8,000	7,700	36,000
Other States 2/ 4/	45,820			119,820
Total	126,620	100,000	47,700	274,320
US	1,012,920	725,400	333,200	2,071,520

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Region, and United States, June 1, 1995

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	1,000 Acres			
Northeast				
NY	1,500	2,200	4,000	7,700
PA	1,900	3,000	2,800	7,700
Other States 1/	1,523	1,300	2,200	5,023
Total	4,923	6,500	9,000	20,423
North Central				
IL	800	6,800	20,500	28,100
IN	1,300	5,100	9,500	15,900
IA	1,800	11,200	20,200	33,200
KS	3,400	21,300	23,100	47,800
MI	1,500	3,100	6,100	10,700
MN	3,600	9,600	16,600	29,800
MO	5,400	14,000	10,600	30,000
NE	900	15,700	30,400	47,000
ND	1,200	13,600	25,500	40,300
OH	2,800	5,600	6,800	15,200
SD	1,300	19,400	23,300	44,000
WI	2,700	5,200	9,000	16,900
Total	26,700	130,600	201,600	358,900
South				
AL 2/	3,800			10,200
AR	1,800	2,300	10,900	15,000
FL 2/	1,800			10,300
GA	2,400	3,500	6,100	12,000
KY 2/	3,700			14,000
LA 2/	1,600			8,500
MS 2/	3,100			13,000
NC	1,600	2,700	4,900	9,200
OK	5,300	18,400	10,300	34,000
TN 2/	4,300			12,000
TX	14,000	55,000	60,000	129,000
VA 2/	2,200			8,600
Other States 2/ 3/	3,800			11,520
Total	49,400	119,000	118,920	287,320
West				
CA	2,300	7,500	20,200	30,000
OR 2/	1,700			17,500
WA	950	3,700	11,150	15,800
Other States 2/ 4/	8,500			242,310
Total	13,450	99,300	192,860	305,610
US	94,473	355,400	522,380	972,253

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Region, and United States, June 1, 1994

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			

Northeast				
NY	16,600	11,200	8,200	36,000
PA	24,300	18,300	8,400	51,000
Other States 1/	21,600	8,000	6,000	35,600
Total	62,500	37,500	22,600	122,600

North Central				
IL	21,000	33,000	23,000	77,000
IN	25,500	24,500	13,000	63,000
IA	25,000	45,000	31,000	101,000
KS	24,000	30,000	11,000	65,000
MI	27,000	17,000	8,000	52,000
MN	30,000	34,000	21,000	85,000
MO	53,500	41,700	9,800	105,000
NE	9,000	28,500	17,500	55,000
ND	6,000	15,400	10,600	32,000
OH	38,000	27,000	10,000	75,000
SD	6,000	18,000	10,000	34,000
WI	28,000	32,400	18,600	79,000
Total	293,000	346,500	183,500	823,000

South				
AL 2/	31,000			46,000
AR	21,000	13,000	10,000	44,000
FL 2/	24,000			39,000
GA	25,300	12,800	6,900	45,000
KY 2/	48,000			89,000
LA 2/	17,000			28,000
MS 2/	26,100			39,000
NC	32,000	17,000	9,000	58,000
OK	37,400	27,000	5,600	70,000
TN 2/	58,000			83,000
TX	119,000	61,000	20,000	200,000
VA 2/	30,000			46,000
Other States 2/ 3/	38,500			60,000
Total	507,300	256,700	83,000	847,000

West				
CA	32,500	27,800	18,700	79,000
OR 2/	27,000			38,000
WA	20,100	8,300	7,600	36,000
Other States 2/ 4/	43,020			119,120
Total	122,620	101,000	48,500	272,120

US	985,420	741,700	337,600	2,064,720

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Region, and United States, June 1, 1994

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	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
1,000 Acres				
Northeast				
NY	1,400	2,300	4,200	7,900
PA	1,800	3,200	2,800	7,800
Other States 1/	1,563	1,300	2,250	5,113
Total	4,763	6,800	9,250	20,813
North Central				
IL	800	6,800	20,500	28,100
IN	1,200	4,900	9,900	16,000
IA	1,700	11,500	20,000	33,200
KS	3,200	22,000	22,600	47,800
MI	1,500	3,100	6,100	10,700
MN	3,400	9,700	16,600	29,700
MO	5,400	14,200	10,500	30,100
NE	800	15,800	30,500	47,100
ND	1,100	14,300	25,000	40,400
OH	2,700	5,800	6,700	15,200
SD	1,400	19,500	23,300	44,200
WI	2,500	5,800	8,600	16,900
Total	25,700	133,400	200,300	359,400
South				
AL 2/	3,600			10,200
AR	1,900	2,300	10,900	15,100
FL 2/	1,800	0	0	10,300
GA	2,600	3,500	6,000	12,100
KY 2/	3,700	0	0	14,100
LA 2/	1,800	0	0	8,400
MS 2/	3,000	0	0	12,800
NC	1,800	2,600	4,900	9,300
OK	5,000	18,500	10,500	34,000
TN 2/	4,300	0	0	12,000
TX	14,000	54,000	61,000	129,000
VA 2/	2,200	0	0	8,600
Other States 2/ 3/	3,800	0	0	11,570
Total	49,500	119,000	118,970	287,470
West				
CA	2,100	7,200	20,600	29,900
OR 2/	1,700	0	0	17,500
WA	900	3,900	11,000	15,800
Other States 2/ 4/	8,500	0	0	242,520
Total	13,200	99,500	193,020	305,720
US	93,163	358,700	521,540	973,403

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2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.

3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV.

4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

Percent of Farms and Land in Farms: By Economic Sales
Class, United States, June 1, 1994-96

Economic Sales Class	Economic Sales Class Estimates		
	Percent of Total		Average Size Farm (Acres)
	Farms	Land	
1994			
\$1,000 - \$2,499	20.4	2.6	60
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.0	2.9	98
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13.3	4.0	142
\$10,000 - \$19,999	11.9	6.7	265
\$20,000 - \$39,999	10.7	9.7	427
\$40,000 - \$99,999	13.3	20.5	726
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.7	25.7	1,132
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.4	13.1	1,816
\$500,000 +	2.3	14.8	3,032
Total	100.0	100.0	471
1995			
\$1,000 - \$2,499	21.5	2.7	59
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.4	2.9	94
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13.0	4.1	148
\$10,000 - \$19,999	11.7	6.6	265
\$20,000 - \$39,999	10.5	9.8	438
\$40,000 - \$99,999	12.8	20.2	734
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.3	25.7	1,170
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.5	13.1	1,755
\$500,000 +	2.3	14.9	3,038
Total	100.0	100.0	469
1996			
\$1,000 - \$2,499	22.5	3.0	63
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.3	3.1	102
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12.6	4.5	168
\$10,000 - \$19,999	11.4	6.5	268
\$20,000 - \$39,999	10.2	9.8	451
\$40,000 - \$99,999	12.6	19.9	741
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.2	25.2	1,159
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.8	12.9	1,593
\$500,000 +	2.4	15.1	2,952
Total	100.0	100.0	469

Reliability of Data in this Report

Survey Procedures: These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service during the first two weeks of June using sampling procedures to ensure every farm operator had a chance of being selected. Two samples of farm operators are selected. First, NASS maintains a list of farms which are classified and sampled by size and type. Larger farms are selected with greater frequency but all farms are represented. A second sample consists of segments of land scientifically selected from aerial photography. Each June, highly trained interviewers locate each selected land segment and identify every farm operating land within the sample segment's boundaries. The names of farms found in these area segments are matched against the list of farms; those not found on the list represent all farms not on the NASS list. This methodology is known as multiple frame sampling, with an area sample used to measure incompleteness of the list. The area segments also provide independent indications of number of farms and land in farms.

Beginning in 1995, interviewers counted operations having 5 or more horses or ponies and no sales as horse farms. This is a continuing effort to have NASS and Census collect comparable data. Horses in boarding stables and racetracks and maple syrup only operations are excluded. This is a continuing effort to have NASS and Census publish comparable data.

Estimation Procedures: National, Regional, and State data were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency. Each State Statistical Office submits its analysis to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) which prepares the June 1 based estimates for publication. Farm numbers and land in farm estimates are based on survey results and the historical relationship of official estimates to the survey results.

Revision Policy: Farm numbers information is subject to revision the following year and following review of the Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture. The basis for revision must be supported by additional data that directly affect the level of the estimate. A historical publication with revisions for 1988-92 was published July 28, 1995.

Reliability: Two types of errors, sampling and nonsampling, are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey. Both types affect the "precision" 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 relative sampling error. The relative sampling error for the U.S. number of farms was 1 percent and just above 1 percent for land in farms. The sampling error for total number of farms and total land in farms is less than the sampling error for each component of the total, such as number of farms by economic sales class. Relative sampling errors by economic sales class generally ranged from 1 to 4 percent for number of farms and 2 to 8 percent for land in farms at the U.S. level.

Nonsampling errors can occur in complete censuses as well as sample surveys. They are caused by the inability to obtain correct information from each person sampled, 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 nonsampling errors.

Terms and Definition

A **farm** is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year". Government payments are included in sales. Institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. To be considered a farm, the place must be operating on June 1. Places with all their acreage enrolled in set aside or other government programs are considered operating.

Land in farms is all land operated by farms as of June 1. It includes crop and livestock acreage, wasteland, woodland, pasture, land in summer fallow, idle cropland, and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and other set aside or commodity acreage programs. It excludes public, industrial, and grazing association land and nonagricultural land. It excludes all land operated by establishments not qualifying as farms.

Economic sales classes are based on the gross value of sales, which includes sales of agricultural products such as crops, livestock, horses (excluding pleasure horses), honey, furs, fish, nursery and greenhouse products, rabbits, etc. Government program payments from the previous year are also included.

The next "Farms and Land in Farms" report will be released in July 1997.

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