

Farm Numbers and Land in Farms



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Farm Numbers and Land in Farms Continue to Decline

The number of farms in the United States in 1994 is estimated at 2.04 million, down 1 percent from 1993. Total land in farms is 975 million acres, down 2.9 million acres from last year. The rate of decline in number of farms followed the historical trend while the land in farms declined marginally. The average farm size increased from 473 acres in 1993 to 478 in 1994.

Texas remains the State with the most farms at 185,000, unchanged from a year earlier. Missouri is second with 104,000 farms, down 2,000 from last year, followed by Iowa with 100,000 farms, unchanged from 1993. New Jersey is the only State showing an increase in farm numbers, up 100 farms from last year.

Seven States that showed decreases of 2,000 farms from last year were Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, and Tennessee.

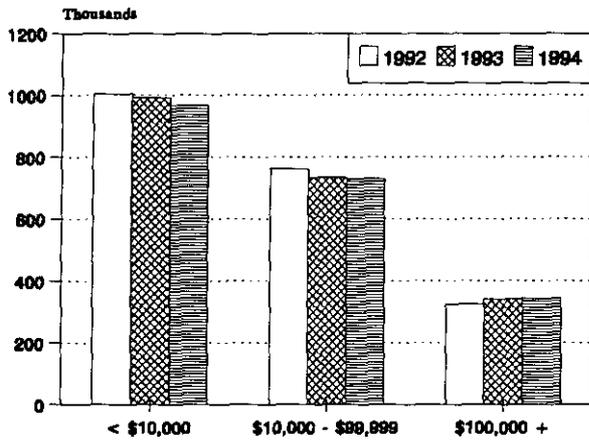
Texas continued to lead the nation in land in farms and ranches with 129.3 million acres, down 700,000 from 1993. Six States with decreases of 200,000 acres in agricultural land from a year ago include California, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, Washington, and Wisconsin.

The number of U.S. farms in the economic sales class between \$1,000 and \$9,999 decreased from 992,600 in 1993 to 967,810 in 1994. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 group decreased from 732,830 to 729,900. The \$100,000 and over sales group increased from 339,500 to 342,700 farms.

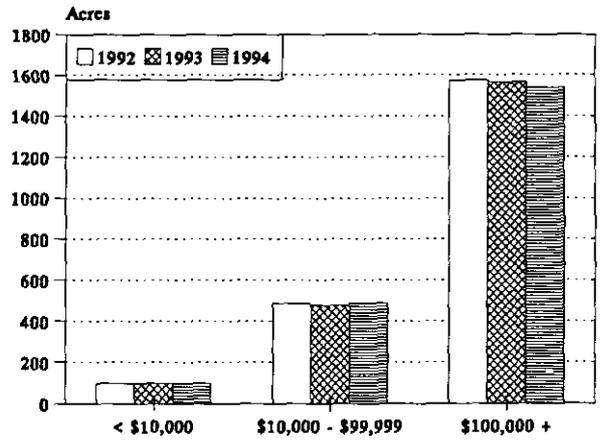
Estimates for the number of farms and land in farms refer to June 1. A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year."

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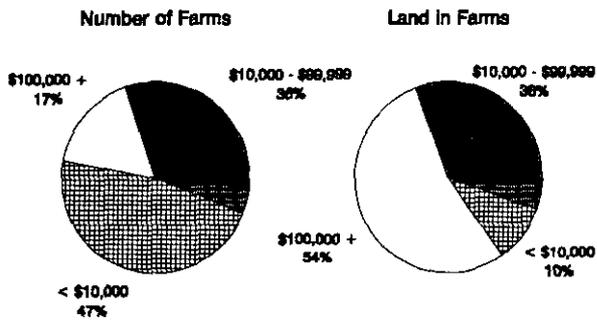
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Gross Value of Sales, 1992-94**



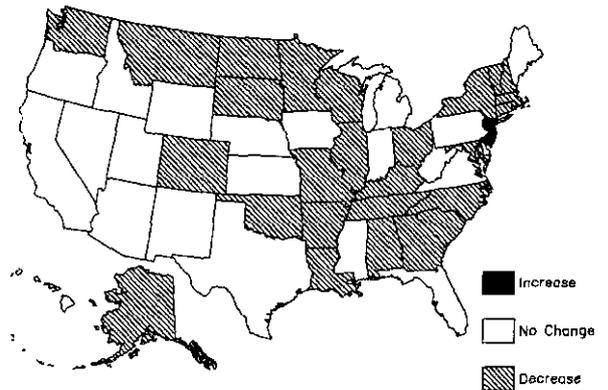
**U.S. Average Farm Size by Sales Class
Gross Value of Sales, 1992-94**



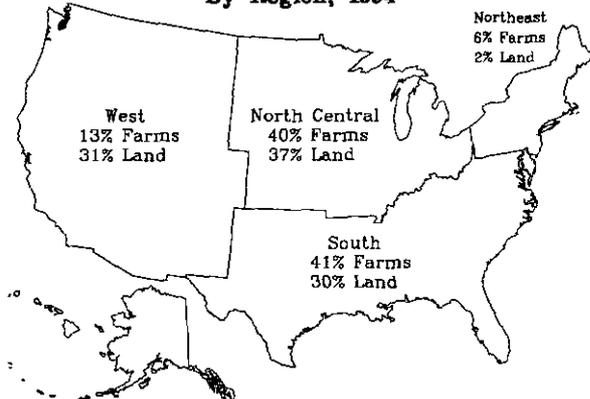
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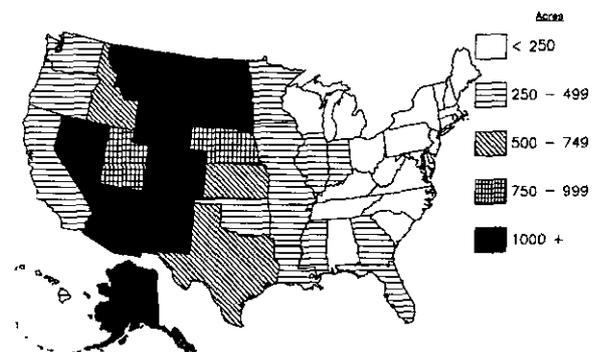
Change in Number of Farms Since 1993



**Distribution of Farms and Land in Farms
By Region, 1994**



Average Farm Size - June 1994

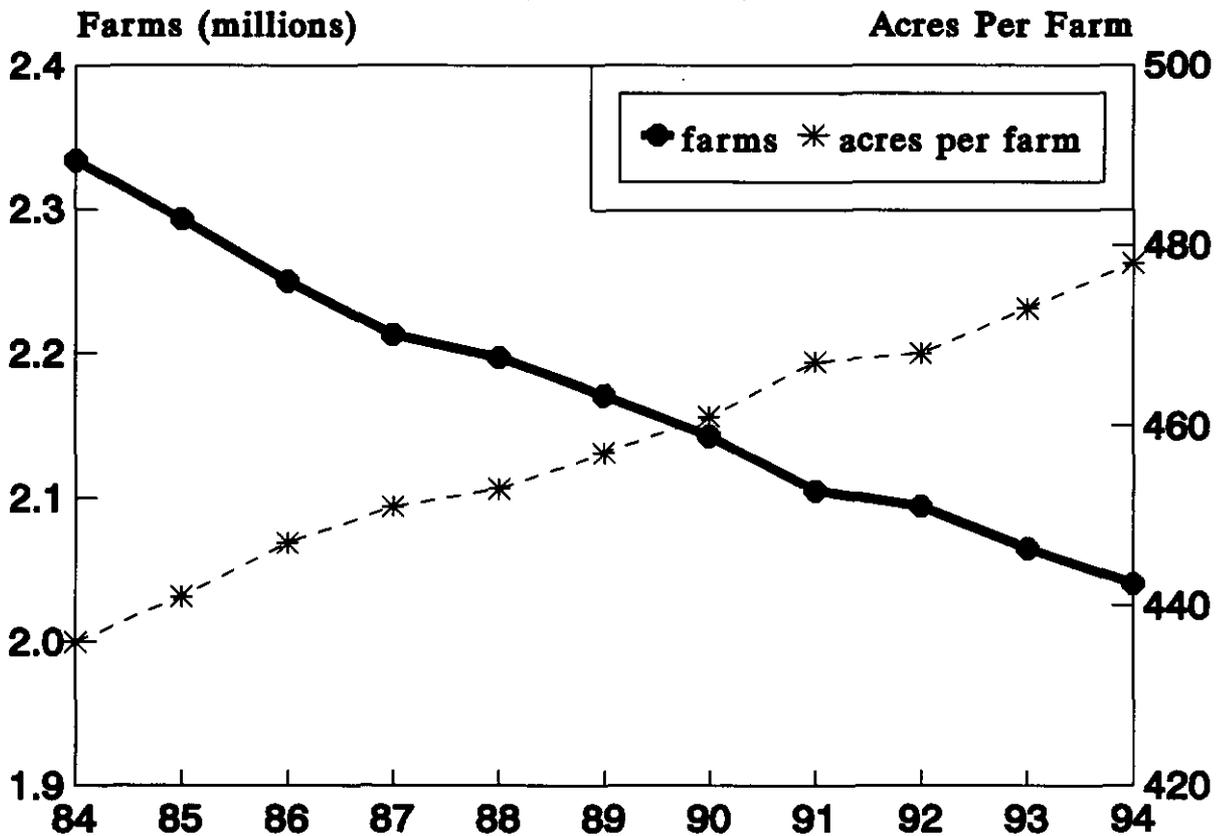


Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size:
United States, June 1, 1984-94 ^{1/}

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	1,000	1,000 Acres	Acres
1984	2,334	1,017,803	436
1985	2,293	1,012,073	441
1986	2,250	1,005,333	447
1987	2,213	998,923	451
1988	2,197	994,543	453
1989	2,171	991,153	457
1990	2,140	987,420	461
1991	2,105	982,766	467
1992	2,094	979,963	468
1993	2,065	977,733	473
1994	2,040	974,800	478

^{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 1, 1984 - 1994



Number of Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1992-94

State	1992	1993	1994
	Number		
AL	46,000	47,000	46,000
AK	540	530	520
AZ	8,000	7,900	7,900
AR	46,000	46,000	44,000
CA	80,000	76,000	76,000
CO	25,500	25,500	25,300
CT	4,000	3,800	3,600
DE	2,700	2,500	2,500
FL	39,000	39,000	39,000
GA	46,000	45,000	43,000
HI	4,500	4,400	4,400
ID	21,000	20,500	20,500
IL	81,000	79,000	77,000
IN	65,000	63,000	63,000
IA	102,000	100,000	100,000
KS	67,000	65,000	65,000
KY	91,000	91,000	89,000
LA	30,000	29,000	28,000
ME	7,100	6,800	6,800
MD	15,600	15,000	14,500
MA	6,900	6,500	6,200
MI	54,000	52,000	52,000
MN	88,000	87,000	85,000
MS	38,000	39,000	39,000
MO	107,000	106,000	104,000
MT	24,600	23,800	23,100
NE	56,000	55,000	55,000
NV	2,500	2,400	2,400
NH	2,900	2,700	2,500
NJ	8,500	8,400	8,500
NM	13,500	13,500	13,500
NY	38,000	38,000	37,000
NC	60,000	59,000	58,000
ND	33,000	32,500	32,000
OH	78,000	76,000	75,000
OK	71,000	70,500	70,000
OR	37,500	37,500	37,500
PA	52,000	51,000	51,000
RI	700	700	690
SC	24,500	24,300	24,000
SD	35,000	34,500	34,000
TN	88,000	86,000	84,000
TX	183,000	185,000	185,000
UT	13,200	13,000	13,000
VT	6,900	6,500	6,300
VA	44,000	43,000	43,000
WA	37,000	36,000	35,500
WV	20,000	20,000	20,000
WI	79,000	79,000	78,000
WY	9,200	9,200	9,200
US	2,093,840	2,064,930	2,040,410

Land in Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1992-94

State :	1992	1993	1994
	1,000 Acres		
AL :	9,800	10,000	10,000
AK :	960	940	930
AZ :	36,000	36,000	36,000
AR :	15,500	15,400	15,400
CA :	29,800	29,700	29,500
CO :	32,800	32,800	32,700
CT :	410	400	390
DE :	560	550	550
FL :	10,500	10,300	10,300
GA :	12,100	12,100	12,100
HI :	1,710	1,710	1,710
ID :	13,500	13,500	13,500
IL :	28,400	28,300	28,300
IN :	16,000	16,000	16,000
IA :	33,400	33,300	33,200
KS :	47,800	47,800	47,800
KY :	14,100	14,100	14,100
LA :	8,700	8,600	8,400
ME :	1,420	1,380	1,370
MD :	2,200	2,200	2,200
MA :	680	640	630
MI :	10,800	10,700	10,700
MN :	29,800	29,700	29,700
MS :	12,800	12,800	12,700
MO :	30,300	30,200	30,000
MT :	60,000	59,800	59,700
NE :	47,100	47,100	47,100
NV :	8,900	8,900	8,900
NH :	470	460	450
NJ :	880	870	860
NM :	44,200	44,200	44,200
NY :	8,200	8,200	8,000
NC :	9,500	9,400	9,300
ND :	40,400	40,400	40,400
OH :	15,400	15,200	15,200
OK :	34,000	34,000	34,000
OR :	17,500	17,500	17,500
PA :	8,000	7,900	7,800
RI :	63	63	60
SC :	5,200	5,150	5,100
SD :	44,200	44,200	44,200
TN :	12,600	12,400	12,300
TX :	130,000	130,000	129,300
UT :	11,300	11,200	11,100
VT :	1,510	1,470	1,450
VA :	8,700	8,600	8,600
WA :	16,000	16,000	15,800
WV :	3,700	3,700	3,700
WI :	17,300	17,100	16,900
WY :	34,800	34,800	34,700
US :	979,963	977,733	974,800

Number of Farms: Economics Sales Class, by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1994

State and Region	Economics Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
Number				
Northeast				
NY	17,200	11,400	8,400	37,000
PA	24,300	18,300	8,400	51,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	21,090	7,500	6,000	34,590
Total	62,590	37,200	22,800	122,590
North Central				
IL	21,000	33,000	23,000	77,000
IN	25,500	24,500	13,000	63,000
IA	24,000	45,000	31,000	100,000
KS	24,000	30,500	10,500	65,000
MI	27,000	17,000	8,000	52,000
MN	30,000	34,000	21,000	85,000
MO	51,500	43,500	9,000	104,000
NE	8,400	29,800	16,800	55,000
ND	6,000	15,400	10,600	32,000
OH	38,800	27,000	9,200	75,000
SD	6,000	18,000	10,000	34,000
WI	27,000	32,400	18,600	78,000
Total	289,200	350,100	180,700	820,000
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	29,000			46,000
AR	22,000	12,000	10,000	44,000
FL <u>2/</u>	24,000			39,000
GA	24,000	12,400	6,600	43,000
KY <u>2/</u>	51,000			89,000
LA <u>2/</u>	17,000			28,000
MS <u>2/</u>	26,000			39,000
NC	34,000	16,500	7,500	58,000
OK	37,400	27,000	5,600	70,000
TN <u>2/</u>	60,000			84,000
TX	104,000	61,000	20,000	185,000
VA <u>2/</u>	27,000			43,000
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	39,200			61,000
Total	494,600	248,000	86,400	829,000
West				
CA	31,500	26,200	18,300	76,000
OR <u>2/</u>	27,000			37,500
WA	19,900	8,200	7,400	35,500
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	43,020			119,820
Total	121,420	94,600	52,800	268,820
US	967,810	729,900	342,700	2,040,410

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: Economics Sales Class, by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1994

State and Region	Economics Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	1,000 Acres			
Northeast				
NY	1,400	2,400	4,200	8,000
PA	1,800	3,200	2,800	7,800
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,610	1,300	2,300	5,210
Total	4,810	6,900	9,300	21,010
North Central				
IL	800	7,000	20,500	28,300
IN	1,200	4,900	9,900	16,000
IA	1,700	11,500	20,000	33,200
KS	3,200	23,000	21,600	47,800
MI	1,500	3,100	6,100	10,700
MN	3,400	9,700	16,600	29,700
MO	5,300	15,900	8,800	30,000
NE	700	15,900	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	25,500	136,400	197,600	359,500
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	2,900			10,000
AR	2,100	2,500	10,800	15,400
FL <u>2/</u>	1,800			10,300
GA	2,700	3,400	6,000	12,100
KY <u>2/</u>	3,700			14,100
LA <u>2/</u>	1,800			8,400
MS <u>2/</u>	2,900			12,700
NC	1,800	2,700	4,800	9,300
OK	5,000	18,500	10,500	34,000
TN <u>2/</u>	4,300			12,300
TX	14,300	54,000	61,000	129,300
VA <u>2/</u>	2,200			8,600
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	3,800			11,560
Total	49,300	111,250	127,500	288,050
West				
CA	2,000	7,000	20,500	29,500
OR <u>2/</u>	1,700			17,500
WA	900	3,900	11,000	15,800
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	8,940			243,440
Total	13,540	100,500	192,200	306,240
US	93,150	355,050	526,600	974,800

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3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV.

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

Number of Farms: Economic Sales Class, by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1993

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
Northeast				
NY	17,900	11,900	8,200	38,000
PA	24,400	18,500	8,100	51,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	21,600	8,500	5,300	35,400
Total	63,900	38,900	21,600	124,400
North Central				
IL	21,000	35,000	23,000	79,000
IN	26,000	24,500	12,500	63,000
IA	23,000	44,000	33,000	100,000
KS	24,000	30,000	11,000	65,000
MI	27,000	17,000	8,000	52,000
MN	31,000	34,000	22,000	87,000
MO	52,800	44,500	8,700	106,000
NE	8,300	30,300	16,400	55,000
ND	6,300	15,500	10,700	32,500
OH	40,000	27,000	9,000	76,000
SD	6,000	18,500	10,000	34,500
WI	29,000	32,000	18,000	79,000
Total	294,400	352,300	182,300	829,000
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	29,000			47,000
AR	23,500	12,500	10,000	46,000
FL <u>2/</u>	24,000			39,000
GA	25,000	13,100	6,900	45,000
KY <u>2/</u>	53,000			91,000
LA <u>2/</u>	18,000			29,000
MS <u>2/</u>	26,000			39,000
NC	34,500	16,800	7,700	59,000
OK	37,700	27,200	5,600	70,500
TN <u>2/</u>	63,000			86,000
TX	107,000	61,000	17,000	185,000
VA <u>2/</u>	26,000			43,000
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	38,600			61,800
Total	505,300	250,800	85,200	841,300
West				
CA	33,000	25,000	18,000	76,000
OR <u>2/</u>	27,000			37,500
WA	20,200	8,300	7,500	36,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	48,800			120,730
Total	129,000	90,830	50,400	270,230
US	992,600	732,830	339,500	2,064,930

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Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class, by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1993

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	2,600	4,200	8,200
PA	1,800	3,300	2,800	7,900
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,458	1,475	2,350	5,283
Total	4,658	7,375	9,350	21,383
North Central				
IL	800	7,400	20,100	28,300
IN	1,200	5,100	9,700	16,000
IA	1,500	10,800	21,000	33,300
KS	3,300	22,200	22,300	47,800
MI	1,500	3,100	6,100	10,700
MN	3,200	9,700	16,800	29,700
MO	5,400	16,100	8,700	30,200
NE	750	16,350	30,000	47,100
ND	1,100	14,600	24,700	40,400
OH	2,700	5,900	6,600	15,200
SD	1,400	19,500	23,300	44,200
WI	2,600	6,500	8,000	17,100
Total	25,450	137,250	197,300	360,000
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	2,900			10,000
AR	2,100	2,500	10,800	15,400
FL <u>2/</u>	1,800			10,300
GA	2,500	3,700	5,900	12,100
KY <u>2/</u>	3,800			14,100
LA <u>2/</u>	2,000			8,600
MS <u>2/</u>	3,000			12,800
NC	1,950	2,700	4,750	9,400
OK	4,900	18,500	10,600	34,000
TN <u>2/</u>	4,400			12,400
TX	15,000	54,000	61,000	130,000
VA <u>2/</u>	2,100			8,600
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	3,900			11,600
Total	50,350	109,300	129,650	289,300
West				
CA	2,000	7,000	20,700	29,700
OR <u>2/</u>	1,700			17,500
WA	900	4,000	11,100	16,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	9,840			243,850
Total	14,440	96,960	195,650	307,050
US	94,898	350,885	531,950	977,733

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	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
Northeast				
NY	17,500	12,000	8,500	38,000
PA	24,700	19,300	8,000	52,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	21,800	10,700	4,500	37,000
Total	64,000	42,000	21,000	127,000
North Central				
IL	21,500	37,000	22,500	81,000
IN	28,500	24,500	12,000	65,000
IA	22,900	48,000	31,100	102,000
KS	26,000	31,400	9,600	67,000
MI	28,000	18,000	8,000	54,000
MN	31,000	33,500	23,500	88,000
MO	53,600	45,000	8,400	107,000
NE	8,500	31,300	16,200	56,000
ND	5,500	18,500	9,000	33,000
OH	40,000	29,500	8,500	78,000
SD	6,500	19,500	9,000	35,000
WI	28,200	33,000	17,800	79,000
Total	300,200	369,200	175,600	845,000
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	29,000			46,000
AR	23,500	12,500	10,000	46,000
FL <u>2/</u>	23,000			39,000
GA	26,300	12,900	6,800	46,000
KY <u>2/</u>	56,000			91,000
LA <u>2/</u>	18,000			30,000
MS <u>2/</u>	25,000			38,000
NC	34,000	18,200	7,800	60,000
OK	38,500	27,200	5,300	71,000
TN <u>2/</u>	65,000			88,000
TX	107,000	60,000	16,000	183,000
VA <u>2/</u>	26,500			44,000
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	38,200			62,800
Total	510,000	253,000	81,800	844,800
West				
CA	33,000	28,500	18,500	80,000
OR <u>2/</u>	26,500			37,500
WA	20,300	9,100	7,600	37,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	51,700			122,540
Total	131,500	98,500	47,040	277,040
US	1,005,700	762,700	325,440	2,093,840

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	1,000 Acres			
Northeast				
NY	1,400	2,600	4,200	8,200
PA	1,900	3,400	2,700	8,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,333	1,600	2,500	5,433
Total	4,633	7,600	9,400	21,633
North Central				
IL	800	7,700	19,900	28,400
IN	1,600	5,100	9,300	16,000
IA	1,600	12,100	19,700	33,400
KS	3,400	23,500	20,900	47,800
MI	1,500	3,300	6,000	10,800
MN	2,800	9,700	17,300	29,800
MO	5,500	16,300	8,500	30,300
NE	700	17,400	29,000	47,100
ND	1,000	18,000	21,400	40,400
OH	2,700	6,500	6,200	15,400
SD	1,400	19,800	23,000	44,200
WI	2,600	6,800	7,900	17,300
Total	25,600	146,200	189,100	360,900
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	2,900			9,800
AR	2,100	2,500	10,900	15,500
FL <u>2/</u>	1,500			10,500
GA	2,400	3,700	6,000	12,100
KY <u>2/</u>	3,700			14,100
LA <u>2/</u>	1,900			8,700
MS <u>2/</u>	2,800			12,800
NC	1,950	2,750	4,800	9,500
OK	4,900	19,000	10,100	34,000
TN <u>2/</u>	4,700			12,600
TX	15,000	56,000	59,000	130,000
VA <u>2/</u>	2,200			8,700
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	4,910			11,660
Total	50,960	117,000	122,000	289,960
West				
CA	1,700	7,500	20,600	29,800
OR <u>2/</u>	1,700			17,500
WA	800	4,400	10,800	16,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	11,570			244,170
Total	15,770	99,700	192,000	307,470
US	96,963	370,500	512,500	979,963

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.

Percent of Farms and Land in Farms: By Economic Sales Class, United States, June 1, 1992-94

Economic Sales Class	Economic Sales Class Estimates		
	Percent of Total		Average Size Farm (Acres)
	Farms	Land	

	1992		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	21.3	2.8	62
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.1	3.1	103
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12.6	4.0	149
\$10,000 - \$19,999	10.8	5.8	251
\$20,000 - \$39,999	11.2	10.0	418
\$40,000 - \$99,999	14.5	22.0	710
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.3	25.6	1,163
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.2	12.8	1,872
\$500,000 +	2.0	13.9	3,253
Total	100.0	100.0	468

	1993		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	21.0	2.7	61
\$2,500 - \$4,999	14.3	3.0	99
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12.8	4.0	148
\$10,000 - \$19,999	11.4	6.1	253
\$20,000 - \$39,999	10.7	9.5	420
\$40,000 - \$99,999	13.4	20.3	717
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.8	26.1	1,144
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.4	13.3	1,852
\$500,000 +	2.2	15.0	3,228
Total	100.0	100.0	473

	1994		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	20.2	2.6	61
\$2,500 - \$4,999	13.9	2.9	100
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13.3	4.1	147
\$10,000 - \$19,999	11.9	6.7	269
\$20,000 - \$39,999	10.7	9.3	415
\$40,000 - \$99,999	13.2	20.4	738
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.9	25.9	1,135
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.6	13.3	1,765
\$500,000 +	2.3	14.8	3,074
Total	100.0	100.0	478

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.

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 will be published in mid-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 less than 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.

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