

Farm Numbers Land In Farms



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Farm Numbers and Land In Farms Continues Decline

The number of farms in the United States in 1991 is estimated at 2.105 million, down 2 percent from 1990. Total land in farms is 983 million acres, fractionally below last year. The number of farms has continued to decline faster than land in farms, with the average farm size increasing from 461 acres in 1990 to 467 in 1991.

Texas held its position as the State with the most farms, 185,000, down 1,000 from a year earlier. Missouri is second with 107,000 farms, down 1,000, followed by Iowa with 102,000 farms, off 2,000. The sharpest drops came in Ohio and Indiana, down 4,000 and 3,000 farms, respectively.

Seven States showed increases in numbers of farms: Oregon up 500 to 37,000; Arizona, Maryland, and New Jersey up 200 each to 8,000, 15,400, and 8,300, respectively; and Montana, Utah, and Wyoming up 100 to 24,800, 13,300, and 9,000, respectively. Thirteen States remained the same as a year ago, and the other 30 States showed a decline from last year.

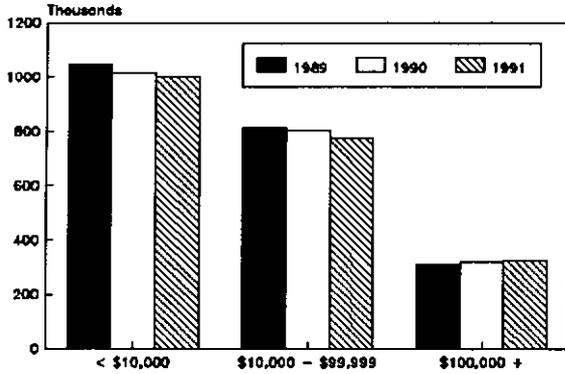
Texas continued to lead the nation in land in farms, 131 million acres, down 1 million from 1990.

The number of farms in the economic sales class between \$1,000 and \$9,999 fell from 1.017 million in 1990 to 1.002 million in 1991. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 group decreased from 801,570 to 775,900. The \$100,000 and over group increased from 321,800 to 327,060.

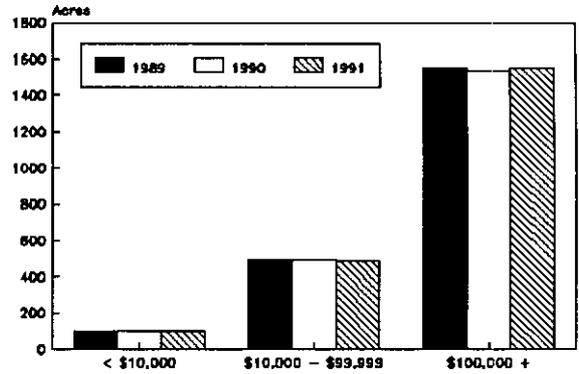
Estimates for the number of farms and land in farms refer to June 1. A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year."

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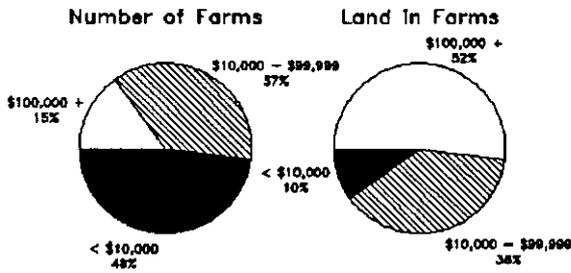
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Gross Value of Sales, 1989-91**



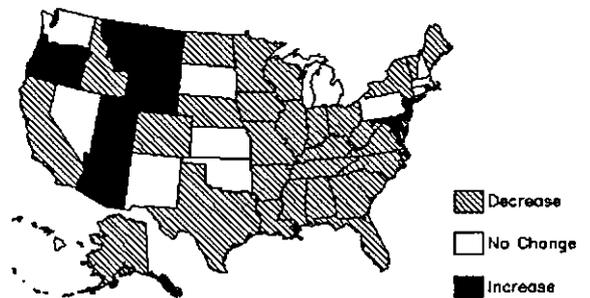
**U.S. Average Farm Size by Sales Class
Gross Value of Sales, 1989-91**



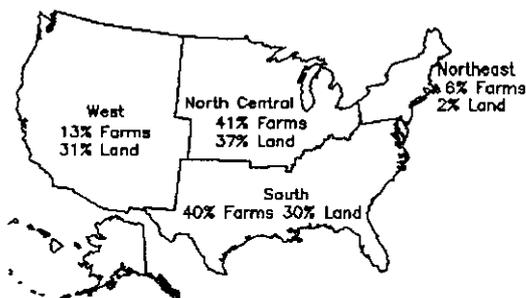
U.S. Percentages by Sales Class - 1991



Change in Number of Farms Since 1990



**Distribution of Farms and Land in Farms
By Region, 1991**



Average Farm Size - June 1991

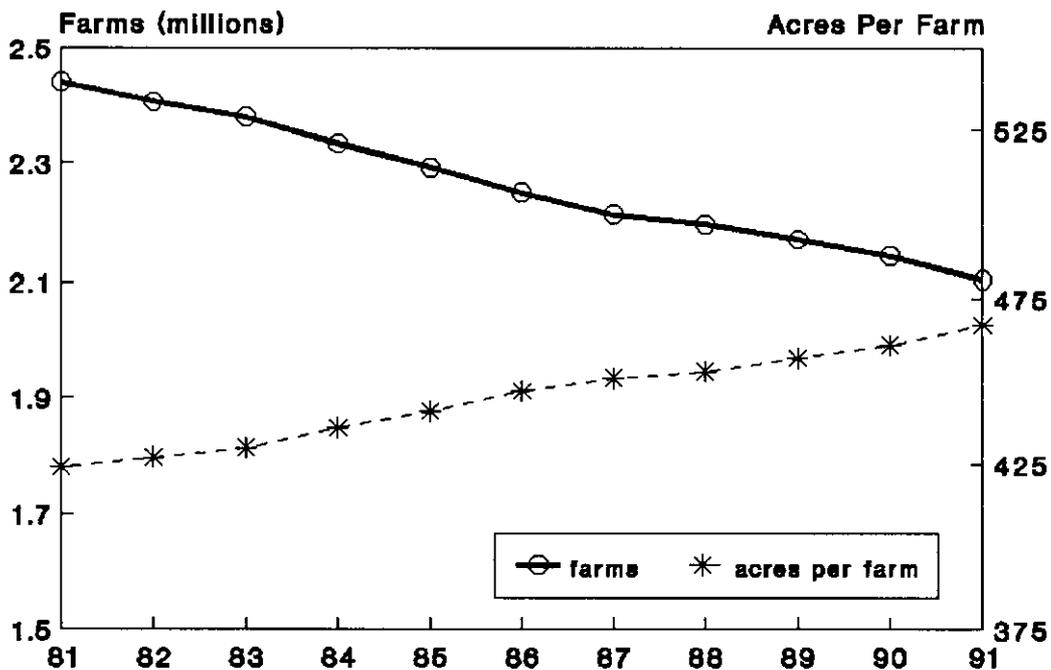


**Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size,
United States, June 1, 1981-91 ^{1/}**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	1,000	1,000 Acres	Acres
1981	2,440	1,034,190	424
1982	2,407	1,027,795	427
1983	2,379	1,023,425	430
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	982,576	467

^{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, 1981 - 1991**



Number of Farms
by States, June 1, 1989-91

State	1989	1990	1991
	Number		
AL	47,000	47,000	45,000
AK	600	580	560
AZ	8,100	7,800	8,000
AR	48,000	47,000	46,000
CA	84,000	85,000	84,000
CO	27,000	26,500	26,000
CT	4,000	3,900	3,900
DE	3,000	2,900	2,900
FL	41,000	41,000	40,000
GA	48,000	48,000	46,000
HI	4,650	4,600	4,600
ID	22,100	21,800	21,400
IL	86,000	83,000	82,000
IN	71,000	68,000	65,000
IA	105,000	104,000	102,000
KS	69,000	69,000	69,000
KY	95,000	93,000	91,000
LA	34,000	32,000	30,000
ME	7,300	7,200	7,000
MD	15,600	15,200	15,400
MA	6,900	6,900	6,900
MI	55,000	54,000	54,000
MN	90,000	89,000	88,000
MS	41,000	40,000	38,000
MO	109,000	108,000	107,000
MT	24,700	24,700	24,800
NE	57,000	57,000	56,000
NV	2,500	2,500	2,500
NH	3,100	2,900	2,900
NJ	8,300	8,100	8,300
NM	14,000	13,500	13,500
NY	39,000	38,500	38,000
NC	65,000	62,000	60,000
ND	33,500	34,000	33,000
OH	86,000	84,000	80,000
OK	70,000	70,000	70,000
OR	37,000	36,500	37,000
PA	54,000	53,000	53,000
RI	770	740	700
SC	25,500	25,000	24,000
SD	35,000	35,000	35,000
TN	91,000	89,000	87,000
TX	186,000	186,000	185,000
UT	13,000	13,200	13,300
VT	7,000	7,000	6,900
VA	47,000	46,000	45,000
WA	38,000	37,000	37,000
WV	21,000	20,500	20,000
WI	81,000	80,000	79,000
WY	8,900	8,900	9,000
US	2,170,520	2,140,420	2,104,560

Land in Farms
by States, June 1, 1989-91

State	1989	1990	1991
1,000 Acres			
AL	10,600	10,100	9,800
AK	1,010	1,000	990
AZ	36,000	36,000	36,000
AR	15,700	15,500	15,500
CA	31,300	30,800	30,300
CO	33,500	33,100	32,800
CT	440	420	420
DE	590	570	570
FL	11,200	10,900	10,500
GA	12,600	12,500	12,100
HI	1,720	1,710	1,710
ID	13,700	13,700	13,500
IL	28,500	28,500	28,500
IN	16,400	16,300	16,000
IA	33,500	33,500	33,500
KS	47,900	47,900	47,900
KY	14,200	14,100	14,100
LA	9,100	8,900	8,800
ME	1,450	1,450	1,420
MD	2,300	2,250	2,250
MA	680	680	680
MI	10,800	10,800	10,800
MN	30,000	30,000	30,000
MS	13,300	13,000	12,800
MO	30,400	30,400	30,400
MT	60,600	60,500	60,300
NE	47,100	47,100	47,100
NV	8,900	8,900	8,900
NH	500	490	480
NJ	880	870	880
NM	44,500	44,500	44,300
NY	8,400	8,400	8,300
NC	10,000	9,700	9,600
ND	40,500	40,500	40,400
OH	15,700	15,700	15,700
OK	33,000	33,000	33,000
OR	17,800	17,800	17,800
PA	8,200	8,100	8,100
RI	73	70	66
SC	5,300	5,200	5,100
SD	44,300	44,300	44,200
TN	12,600	12,400	12,400
TX	132,000	132,000	131,000
UT	11,300	11,300	11,300
VT	1,510	1,510	1,510
VA	9,000	8,900	8,800
WA	16,000	16,000	16,000
WV	3,700	3,700	3,700
WI	17,600	17,600	17,500
WY	34,800	34,800	34,800
US	991,153	987,420	982,576

Number of Farms by Economic Sales Class,
by State, Region, and U.S., 1991

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
NY	17,200	12,600	8,200	38,000
PA	25,000	19,800	8,200	53,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	20,300	10,700	5,600	36,600
Northeast	62,500	43,100	22,000	127,600
IL	20,500	38,000	23,500	82,000
IN	25,800	26,200	13,000	65,000
IA	21,100	50,300	30,600	102,000
KS	26,000	33,600	9,400	69,000
MI	28,000	18,000	8,000	54,000
MN	32,000	36,000	20,000	88,000
MO	53,100	45,500	8,400	107,000
NE	8,300	32,700	15,000	56,000
ND	6,100	18,400	8,500	33,000
OH	41,000	30,000	9,000	80,000
SD	6,000	18,500	10,500	35,000
WI	27,400	33,600	18,000	79,000
North Central	295,300	380,800	173,900	850,000
AL <u>2/</u>	27,000			45,000
AR	23,500	12,500	10,000	46,000
FL <u>2/</u>	24,000			40,000
GA	25,500	13,700	6,800	46,000
KY <u>2/</u>	57,000			91,000
LA <u>2/</u>	19,000			30,000
MS <u>2/</u>	25,100			38,000
NC	34,000	18,200	7,800	60,000
OK	38,000	27,000	5,000	70,000
TN <u>2/</u>	64,000			87,000
TX	110,000	58,000	17,000	185,000
VA <u>2/</u>	28,000			45,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	36,700			62,300
South	511,800	252,000	81,500	845,300
CA	36,100	28,500	19,400	84,000
OR <u>2/</u>	25,000			37,000
WA	20,600	9,000	7,400	37,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	50,300			123,660
West	132,000	100,000	49,660	281,660
US	1,001,600	775,900	327,060	2,104,560

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3/ DE, MD, SC, WV

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

Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class,
by State, Region, and U.S., 1991

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	1,000 Acres			
NY	1,500	2,700	4,100	8,300
PA	1,900	3,400	2,800	8,100
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,296	1,580	2,580	5,456
Northeast	4,696	7,680	9,480	21,856
IL	800	7,800	19,900	28,500
IN	1,200	5,600	9,200	16,000
IA	1,400	12,600	19,500	33,500
KS	3,900	25,900	18,100	47,900
MI	1,500	3,300	6,000	10,800
MN	3,200	11,100	15,700	30,000
MO	5,500	16,400	8,500	30,400
NE	600	19,500	27,000	47,100
ND	1,500	17,900	21,000	40,400
OH	2,700	6,400	6,600	15,700
SD	1,200	17,600	25,400	44,200
WI	2,600	6,900	8,000	17,500
North Central	26,100	151,000	184,900	362,000
AL <u>2/</u>	2,800			9,800
AR	2,100	2,500	10,900	15,500
FL <u>2/</u>	1,600			10,500
GA	2,300	3,800	6,000	12,100
KY <u>2/</u>	3,800			14,100
LA <u>2/</u>	2,300			8,800
MS <u>2/</u>	3,000			12,800
NC	2,179	2,721	4,700	9,600
OK	4,800	19,000	9,200	33,000
TN <u>2/</u>	4,900			12,400
TX	17,000	56,000	58,000	131,000
VA <u>2/</u>	2,400			8,800
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	2,821			11,620
South	52,000	116,720	121,300	290,020
CA	1,800	7,700	20,800	30,300
OR <u>2/</u>	1,600			17,800
WA	900	4,700	10,400	16,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	11,400			244,600
West	15,700	101,000	192,000	308,700
US	98,496	376,400	507,680	982,576

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	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
NY	17,300	12,800	8,400	38,500
PA	24,800	20,100	8,100	53,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	20,350	10,170	6,220	36,740
Northeast	62,450	43,070	22,720	128,240
IL	19,000	42,000	22,000	83,000
IN	27,000	29,000	12,000	68,000
IA	19,800	55,000	29,200	104,000
KS	26,000	33,600	9,400	69,000
MI	28,000	18,000	8,000	54,000
MN	32,000	38,500	18,500	89,000
MO	53,500	46,000	8,500	108,000
NE	9,000	33,500	14,500	57,000
ND	4,900	21,000	8,100	34,000
OH	42,500	31,000	10,500	84,000
SD	7,000	19,000	9,000	35,000
WI	26,000	36,300	17,700	80,000
North Central	294,700	402,900	167,400	865,000
AL <u>2/</u>	30,000			47,000
AR	24,000	12,500	10,500	47,000
FL <u>2/</u>	24,000			41,000
GA	28,100	13,000	6,900	48,000
KY <u>2/</u>	59,000			93,000
LA <u>2/</u>	21,000			32,000
MS <u>2/</u>	27,200			40,000
NC	35,000	19,000	8,000	62,000
OK	37,000	28,000	5,000	70,000
TN <u>2/</u>	67,000			89,000
TX	111,000	59,000	16,000	186,000
VA <u>2/</u>	29,000			46,000
Other States <u>2/ 3/</u>	37,800			63,600
South	530,100	253,600	80,900	864,600
CA	36,600	29,000	19,400	85,000
OR <u>2/</u>	24,500			36,500
WA	20,500	9,200	7,300	37,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	48,200			124,080
West	129,800	102,000	50,780	282,580
US	1,017,050	801,570	321,800	2,140,420

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	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	1,000 Acres			
NY	1,600	2,700	4,100	8,400
PA	1,800	3,500	2,800	8,100
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,290	1,600	2,600	5,490
Northeast	4,690	7,800	9,500	21,990
IL	800	8,500	19,200	28,500
IN	1,300	6,400	8,600	16,300
IA	1,200	13,400	18,900	33,500
KS	3,900	25,900	18,100	47,900
MI	1,500	3,300	6,000	10,800
MN	2,700	11,700	15,600	30,000
MO	5,500	16,400	8,500	30,400
NE	600	20,400	26,100	47,100
ND	1,200	21,300	18,000	40,500
OH	2,500	6,500	6,700	15,700
SD	2,000	19,200	23,100	44,300
WI	2,200	7,400	8,000	17,600
North Central	25,400	160,400	176,800	362,600
AL <u>2/</u>	2,200			10,100
AR	2,000	2,300	11,200	15,500
FL <u>2/</u>	1,600			10,900
GA	2,500	4,000	6,000	12,500
KY <u>2/</u>	3,900			14,100
LA <u>2/</u>	2,400			8,900
MS <u>2/</u>	3,200			13,000
NC	2,200	3,400	4,100	9,700
OK	4,300	19,900	8,800	33,000
TN <u>2/</u>	5,200			12,400
TX	18,000	58,000	56,000	132,000
VA <u>2/</u>	2,400			8,900
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	2,620			11,720
South	52,520	120,500	119,700	292,720
CA	1,900	7,900	21,000	30,800
OR <u>2/</u>	1,500			17,800
WA	950	4,750	10,300	16,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	11,860			245,510
West	16,210	102,100	191,800	310,110
US	98,820	390,800	497,800	987,420

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State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
NY	18,700	12,600	7,700	39,000
PA	26,000	19,900	8,100	54,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	19,900	11,300	6,170	37,370
Northeast	64,600	43,800	21,970	130,370
IL	20,500	45,000	20,500	86,000
IN	29,100	30,100	11,800	71,000
IA	19,400	56,700	28,900	105,000
KS	26,000	33,600	9,400	69,000
MI	30,000	18,000	7,000	55,000
MN	35,000	37,500	17,500	90,000
MO	53,900	46,000	9,100	109,000
NE	9,100	33,700	14,200	57,000
ND	4,900	21,100	7,500	33,500
OH	44,000	32,500	9,500	86,000
SD	6,500	20,500	8,000	35,000
WI	27,500	37,500	16,000	81,000
North Central	305,900	412,200	159,400	877,500
AL <u>2/</u>	31,000			47,000
AR	24,700	12,800	10,500	48,000
FL <u>2/</u>	24,600			41,000
GA	28,600	12,400	7,000	48,000
KY <u>2/</u>	60,500			95,000
LA <u>2/</u>	22,000			34,000
MS <u>2/</u>	28,000			41,000
NC	39,000	17,500	8,500	65,000
OK	37,500	27,500	5,000	70,000
TN <u>2/</u>	68,000			91,000
TX	110,000	60,000	16,000	186,000
VA <u>2/</u>	30,000			47,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	41,400			65,100
South	545,300	251,800	81,000	878,100
CA	35,400	29,400	19,200	84,000
OR <u>2/</u>	25,000			37,000
WA	21,100	9,500	7,400	38,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	50,000			125,550
West	131,500	103,000	50,050	284,550
US	1,047,300	810,800	312,420	2,170,520

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	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	1,000 Acres			
NY	1,700	2,800	3,900	8,400
PA	2,000	3,500	2,700	8,200
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,433	1,600	2,500	5,533
Northeast	5,133	7,900	9,100	22,133
IL	900	10,500	17,100	28,500
IN	1,500	6,900	8,000	16,400
IA	1,200	13,400	18,900	33,500
KS	3,900	26,000	18,000	47,900
MI	1,500	4,300	5,000	10,800
MN	4,100	11,700	14,200	30,000
MO	5,600	16,500	8,300	30,400
NE	700	20,700	25,700	47,100
ND	1,200	21,900	17,400	40,500
OH	2,800	6,500	6,400	15,700
SD	1,500	21,600	21,200	44,300
WI	2,400	7,900	7,300	17,600
North Central	27,300	167,900	167,500	362,700
AL <u>2/</u>	2,600			10,600
AR	2,000	2,300	11,400	15,700
FL <u>2/</u>	1,700			11,200
GA	2,300	4,100	6,200	12,600
KY <u>2/</u>	4,000			14,200
LA <u>2/</u>	2,500			9,100
MS <u>2/</u>	3,400			13,300
NC	2,500	3,400	4,100	10,000
OK	4,100	20,000	8,900	33,000
TN <u>2/</u>	5,400			12,600
TX	17,500	59,500	55,000	132,000
VA <u>2/</u>	2,500			9,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>	3,190			11,890
South	53,690	121,300	120,200	295,190
CA	2,100	8,200	21,000	31,300
OR <u>2/</u>	1,900			17,800
WA	900	4,750	10,350	16,000
Other States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u>	12,650			246,030
West	17,550	102,580	191,000	311,130
US	103,673	399,680	487,800	991,153

1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, VT
2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes
3/ DE, MD, SC, WV
4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY

Economic Sales Class Estimates for
Number of Farms and Land in Farms
United States

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

	1989		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	22.6	3.0	61
\$2,500 - \$4,999	13.8	3.1	103
\$5,000 - \$9,999	11.8	4.4	170
\$10,000 - \$19,999	10.7	6.0	256
\$20,000 - \$39,999	12.2	11.3	423
\$40,000 - \$99,999	14.5	23.0	724
\$100,000 - \$249,999	9.5	24.0	1,154
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.1	12.6	1,856
\$500,000 +	1.8	12.6	3,197
Total	100.0	100.0	457

	1990		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	22.1	2.9	61
\$2,500 - \$4,999	13.7	3.0	101
\$5,000 - \$9,999	11.7	4.1	162
\$10,000 - \$19,999	11.1	6.2	258
\$20,000 - \$39,999	12.1	10.4	397
\$40,000 - \$99,999	14.3	23.0	742
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.0	25.0	1,153
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.0	12.3	1,891
\$500,000 +	2.0	13.1	3,022
Total	100.0	100.0	461

	1991		
\$1,000 - \$2,499	20.9	3.0	67
\$2,500 - \$4,999	13.9	3.0	101
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12.8	4.0	146
\$10,000 - \$19,999	10.8	6.0	259
\$20,000 - \$39,999	11.4	10.3	422
\$40,000 - \$99,999	14.7	22.0	699
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.2	25.0	1,144
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.3	13.2	1,868
\$500,000 +	2.0	13.5	3,151
Total	100.0	100.0	467

Reliability of Data in this Report

Survey Procedures: The estimates of farms and land in farms in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted the first two weeks of June. These surveys use a probability area frame sample of over 15,500 segments or parcels of land (average approximately 1 square mile) and a probability list sample of over 73,000 farm operators. Enumerators conducting the area survey contact all farmers having operations within the sampled segments of land and account for their operations. From these data, estimates can be calculated. The list survey sample is contacted by mail, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on these operations. Responses from the list sample plus data from the area operations not on the list are combined to provide another estimate of farms and land in farms.

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

Revision Policy: Revisions to historical estimates are made the following year if new information is available that would justify a change. Estimates will also be reviewed after data for the five-year Census of Agriculture conducted by the Department of Commerce are available. No revisions are made after that date.

Reliability: Two types of errors - sampling and nonsampling are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey. Both of these types of errors determine the "accuracy" of the indication.

Sampling error occurs because a complete census is not taken. The sample of respondents used to calculate this particular indication is one of a large number of samples that could have been selected in accordance with the sampling design. The sampling error measures the variation among the indications from all possible samples. An indication of 100 with a sampling error of 1 would mean that chances are 19 out of 20 that the indications of all possible samples averaged together would be between 98 and 102 (the indication, plus or minus two times the sampling error). The sampling error expressed as a percent of the indication is called the relative standard error. The relative standard errors for the U.S. indications of number of farms and land in farms were about 1 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively. 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 (or land in farms) by economic sales class. Relative standard errors for U.S. indications by economic sales class generally ranged from 2 to 7 and 3 to 7 percent for number of farms and land in farms, respectively.

Nonsampling errors can occur in complete censuses as well as sample surveys. They are due to such things as inability to obtain correct information from each person sampled, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, mistakes in coding or processing the data, etc. Careful efforts were made at each step of the survey to minimize nonsampling errors.

Terms and Definitions

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.

Notice of Program Changes

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Statistics Board has expanded the content of the annual "Farm Numbers and Land in Farms". Beginning with this report the Agricultural Statistics Board is publishing sales class information at the U.S. level for farms with sales of \$250,000 to \$499,999 and \$500,000 or more. Three years of data (1989-1991) is presented for nine sales class groupings for percent of total U.S. farms, percent of land in farms, and average farm size.

Five states (Louisiana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington) are added to the State level data series of farms and land in farms by sales class. Three years of data (1989-1991) are published in this report for each state.

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