

FARM NUMBERS

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FARM NUMBERS CONTINUE DECLINE

The number of farms in the United States in 1979 is estimated at 2.33 million, down 1.6 percent from the 2.37 million in 1978. For 1980 farm numbers are expected to decline about 1 percent to 2.31 million.

Total land in farms was 1049 million acres for 1979, a decline of 0.3 percent from a year earlier. The preliminary estimate for 1980 is 1047 million acres, down 0.2 percent.

A farm is defined as a place which has annual sales of agricultural products of \$1000 or more. The estimates based on this definition are available beginning with 1975.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, UNITED STATES, 1975-80

YEAR	NUMBER OF FARMS	LAND IN FARMS THOUSAND ACRES	AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS ACRES
1975	2,491,010	1,062,723	427
1976	2,454,220	1,059,148	432
1977	2,409,130	1,054,798	438
1978	2,370,050	1,052,018	444
1979	2,332,690	1,049,063	450
1980 ^{1/}	2,309,130	1,046,713	453

^{1/} PRELIMINARY.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, BY STATES, 1978-80

STATE	FARMS			LAND IN FARMS		
	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>
	NUMBER			1,000 ACRES		
ALA	57,000	54,000	54,000	13,200	13,200	13,100
ALAS	290	300	310	1,670	1,680	1,700
ARIZ	5,800	5,800	5,700	40,600	40,500	40,400
ARK	59,000	57,000	57,000	16,900	16,800	16,800
CALIF	62,000	60,000	60,000	32,800	32,300	32,300
COLO	26,900	26,300	25,500	38,300	38,000	37,700
CONN	3,700	3,700	3,800	460	450	450
DEL	3,100	3,000	3,000	630	620	620
FLA	35,000	35,000	35,000	13,900	13,800	13,800
GA	55,000	54,000	54,000	15,500	15,700	16,000
HAW	3,700	3,900	4,000	2,290	2,290	2,290
IDAHO	23,400	23,400	23,500	15,400	15,500	15,500
ILL	109,000	107,000	105,000	28,700	28,700	28,600
IND	90,000	89,000	88,000	16,900	16,900	16,900
IOWA	123,000	121,000	119,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
KANS	73,000	72,000	72,000	48,300	48,200	48,200
KY	99,000	96,000	94,000	14,500	14,400	14,300
LA	35,500	35,000	34,500	10,400	10,300	10,200
MAINE	7,400	7,800	8,000	1,640	1,640	1,640
MD	16,100	16,200	16,400	2,815	2,800	2,780
MASS	4,800	5,000	5,200	650	650	650
MICH	65,000	63,000	63,000	10,800	10,600	10,500
MINN	104,000	104,000	104,000	30,300	30,300	30,300
MISS	56,000	52,000	48,000	14,800	14,700	14,500
MO	120,000	118,000	117,000	32,300	32,300	32,300
MONT	22,000	21,700	21,500	62,100	62,000	62,000
NEBR	65,000	64,000	63,000	47,900	47,800	47,800
NEV	2,000	2,000	2,000	8,990	8,990	8,990
N H	3,000	3,100	3,200	580	580	580
N J	7,600	7,600	7,700	990	990	990
N MEX	11,400	11,200	11,100	46,800	46,700	46,700
N Y	46,000	45,000	44,000	10,200	10,000	9,800
N C	100,000	99,000	98,000	12,400	12,300	12,300
N DAK	41,000	40,500	40,000	41,690	41,690	41,690
OHIO	98,000	97,000	96,000	16,400	16,300	16,200
OKLA	73,000	73,000	71,000	35,000	35,000	34,500
OREG	30,000	30,500	30,500	18,700	18,650	18,600
PA	61,000	61,000	61,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
R I	660	690	720	63	63	63
S C	36,000	35,000	35,000	6,600	6,500	6,500
S DAK	42,000	41,500	41,000	45,450	45,450	45,450
TENN	96,000	94,000	92,000	13,800	13,700	13,600
TEX	163,000	161,000	159,000	139,000	138,700	138,400
UTAH	12,300	12,200	12,000	12,850	12,800	12,600
VT	6,000	6,100	6,300	1,750	1,740	1,740
VA	60,000	59,000	60,000	9,800	9,700	9,700
WASH	33,500	33,500	33,500	16,100	16,100	16,100
W VA	19,600	19,500	19,500	4,200	4,180	4,180
WIS	96,000	95,000	94,000	18,800	18,700	18,600
WYO	7,300	7,200	7,200	35,100	35,100	35,100
U S	2,370,050	2,332,690	2,309,130	1,052,018	1,049,063	1,046,713

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