

# FARM NUMBERS



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## FARM NUMBERS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

An estimated 2.78 million farms operated in the United States during 1976, one percent fewer than in 1975. The preliminary estimate for 1977 indicates 2.75 million farms will be in operation. These reductions are similar to the percentage declines of the past few years.

Total land in farms, estimated at 1,084 million acres for 1976, is slightly less than the 1,086 million acres estimated for 1975. The 1977 preliminary estimate of land in farms is 1,081 million acres.

Farm numbers in the United States have decreased by 15 percent during the last ten years, but only a 4 percent drop was recorded in land in farms. These changes are reflected in the average size of farms, which increased from 348 acres in 1966 to 390 acres in 1976. The 1977 preliminary estimate for average size of farm is 393 acres.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, U.S. 1966-77

YEAR	FARMS	LAND IN FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSAND ACRES	ACRES
1966	3,257	1,131,844	348
1967	3,162	1,123,456	355
1968	3,071	1,115,231	363
1969	2,999	1,107,711	369
1970	2,954	1,102,769	373
1971	2,909	1,097,300	377
1972	2,870	1,093,017	381
1973	2,844	1,089,530	383
1974	2,830	1,087,788	384
1975	2,808	1,086,025	387
1976	2,778	1,084,046	390
1977 <sup>1/</sup>	2,752	1,081,293	393

<sup>1/</sup> PRELIMINARY.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, BY STATES, 1975-77

STATE	FARMS			LAND IN FARMS		
	1975	1976	1977 1/	1975	1976	1977 1/
	NUMBER			1,000 ACRES		
ALA	77,000	77,000	77,000	14,700	14,500	14,500
ALAS 2/	300	300	300	1,710	1,710	1,710
ARIZ	5,800	5,700	5,600	38,000	37,500	37,200
ARK	69,000	69,000	69,000	17,300	17,800	17,800
CALIF	63,000	64,000	65,000	36,000	36,000	35,900
COLO	29,500	29,500	29,300	39,900	39,900	39,900
CONN	4,400	4,300	4,200	540	530	510
DEL	3,500	3,500	3,500	697	693	690
FLA	33,000	32,500	32,000	14,200	14,000	13,800
GA	74,000	72,000	70,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
HAW	4,300	4,300	4,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
IDAHO	26,900	26,900	26,900	15,600	15,600	15,600
ILL	124,000	122,000	120,000	29,100	29,100	29,000
IND	106,000	104,000	102,000	17,500	17,400	17,300
IOWA	136,000	133,000	131,000	34,200	34,200	34,200
KANS	81,000	79,000	77,000	49,900	49,500	49,000
KY	125,000	124,000	124,000	16,100	16,000	16,000
LA	47,000	47,000	46,000	11,800	11,900	11,900
MAINE	7,600	7,600	7,600	1,710	1,710	1,710
MD	17,600	17,600	17,500	2,940	2,925	2,905
MASS	5,800	5,700	5,600	710	710	700
MICH	80,000	78,000	78,000	12,400	12,300	12,300
MINN	118,000	118,000	117,000	30,600	30,600	30,600
MISS	84,000	83,000	83,000	17,100	17,000	17,000
MO	139,000	138,000	137,000	32,700	32,700	32,600
MONT	23,500	23,400	23,300	62,400	62,400	62,400
NEBR	68,000	68,000	68,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
NEV	2,000	2,000	2,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
N H	2,600	2,600	2,600	560	560	560
N J	7,900	7,900	7,900	1,025	1,025	1,025
N MEX	11,800	11,700	11,700	47,200	47,100	47,100
N Y	58,000	58,000	57,000	11,400	11,400	11,200
N C	130,000	125,000	122,000	13,600	13,500	13,300
N DAK	41,000	40,500	40,000	41,600	41,600	41,600
OHIO	117,000	116,000	115,000	17,400	17,300	17,200
OKLA	87,000	86,000	86,000	36,800	36,800	36,800
OREG	32,500	32,500	32,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
PA	72,000	72,000	72,000	10,008	10,008	10,008
R I	680	680	680	65	65	65
S C	47,000	47,000	47,000	7,800	7,800	7,800
S DAK	43,000	42,500	42,000	45,500	45,500	45,500
TENN	125,000	124,000	123,000	15,400	15,300	15,300
TEX	207,000	205,000	202,000	141,800	141,800	141,400
UTAH	12,600	12,600	12,600	13,000	13,000	13,000
VT	6,600	6,600	6,600	1,860	1,860	1,860
VA	73,000	72,000	72,000	11,100	11,000	11,000
WASH	40,000	40,000	39,500	16,500	16,500	16,400
W VA	26,500	26,500	26,000	4,800	4,750	4,650
WIS	104,000	102,000	100,000	19,500	19,300	19,100
WYO	8,100	8,000	7,900	35,500	35,400	35,400
U S	2,808,480	2,778,380	2,752,080	1,086,025	1,084,046	1,081,293

1/ PRELIMINARY. 2/ EXCLUSIVE OF GRAZING LAND LEASED FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT, ALASKA FARMLAND TOTALS ABOUT 70,000 ACRES.