

# Farm Numbers 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 1993 is estimated at 2.068 million, down 1 percent from 1992. Total land in farms is 978 million acres, down 1.8 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 468 acres in 1992 to 473 in 1993.

Texas remains the State with the most farms at 185,000, up 2,000 from a year earlier. Missouri is second with 106,000 farms, down 1,000 from last year, followed by Iowa with 100,000 farms, down 2,000 from 1992. California experienced the largest decrease in farm numbers, down 4,000 from the previous year.

Four States showed increases in numbers of farms: Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, and Wyoming rose to 47,000, 39,000, 185,000, and 9,300, respectively. Fifteen States remained the same as a year ago, and the other thirty-one States showed a decline from last year.

Texas continued to lead the nation in land in farms with 130 million acres, unchanged from 1992.

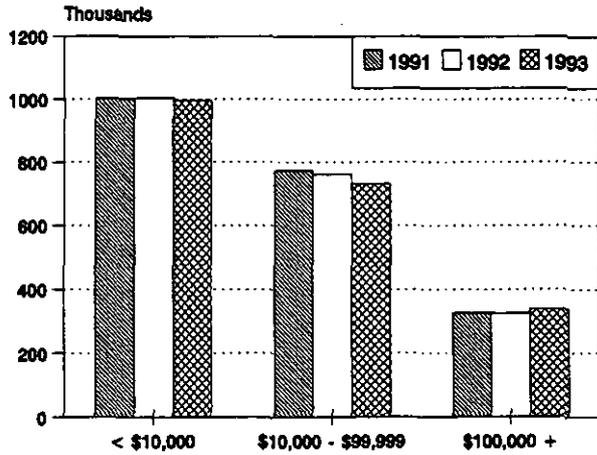
The number of farms in the economic sales class between \$1,000 and \$9,999 decreased from 1.006 million in 1992 to 997,300 in 1993. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 group decreased from 762,700 to 731,440. The \$100,000 and over group increased from 325,440 to 339,500 farms.

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."

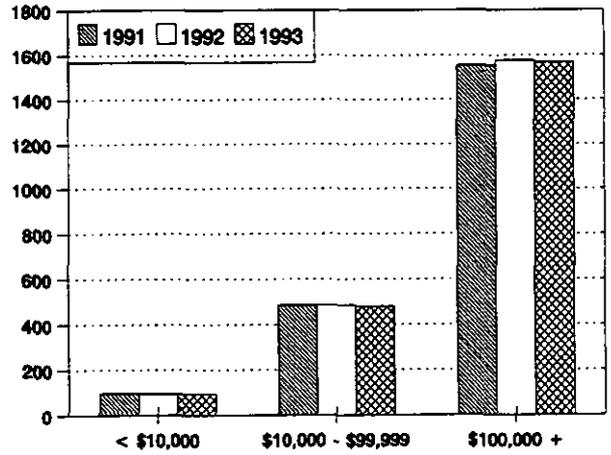
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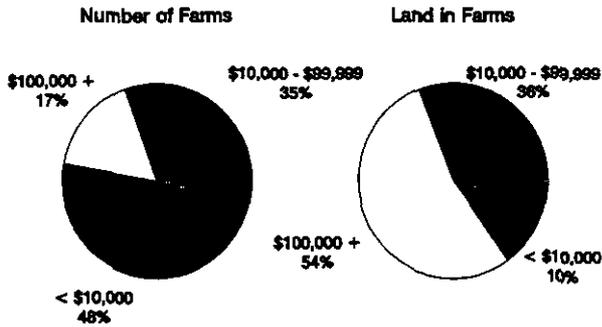
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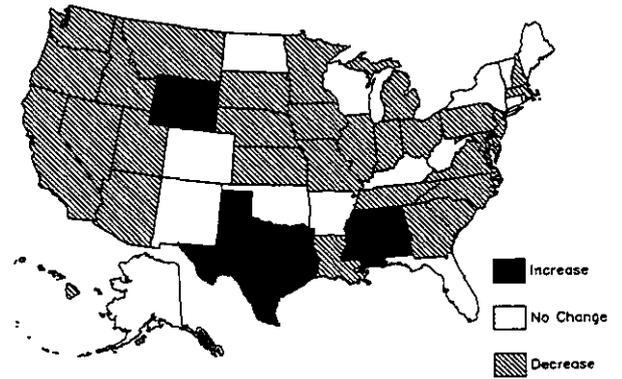
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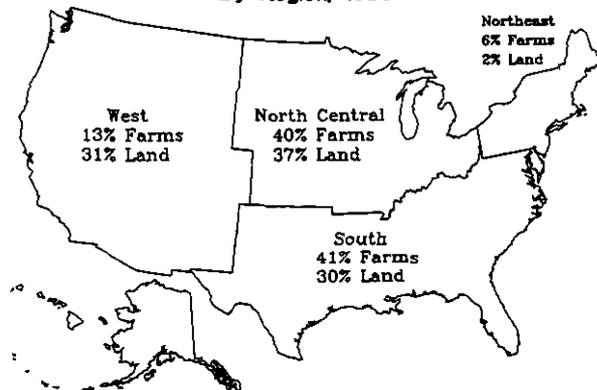
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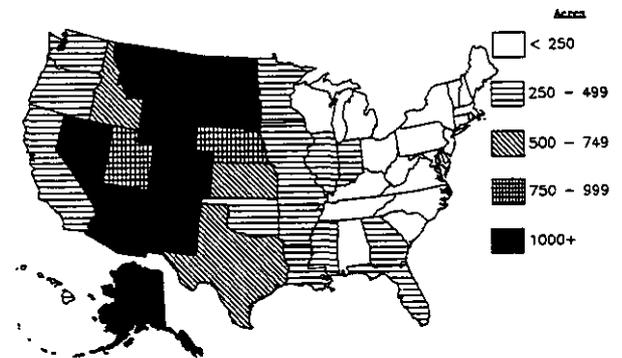
**Change in Number of Farms Since 1992**



**Distribution of Farms and Land in Farms  
By Region, 1993**



**Average Farm Size - June 1993**

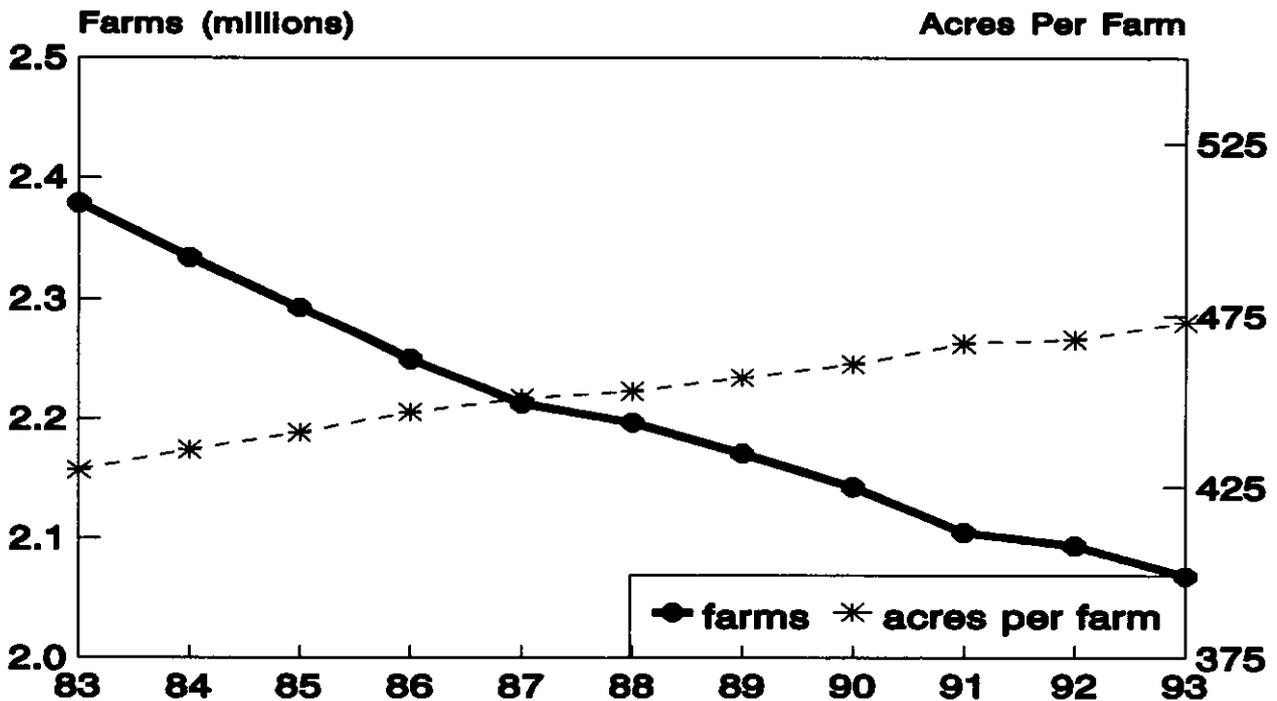


Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size:  
United States, June 1, 1983-93 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	1,000	1,000 Acres	Acres
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	982,766	467
1992	2,094	979,963	468
1993	2,068	978,153	473

<sup>1/</sup> 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, 1983 - 1993



Number of Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1991-93

State	1991	1992	1993
	Number		
AL	46,000	46,000	47,000
AK	560	540	540
AZ	8,000	8,000	7,900
AR	46,000	46,000	46,000
CA	83,000	80,000	76,000
CO	26,000	25,500	25,500
CT	3,900	4,000	4,000
DE	2,900	2,700	2,500
FL	40,000	39,000	39,000
GA	46,000	46,000	45,000
HI	4,600	4,500	4,400
ID	21,400	21,000	20,500
IL	82,000	81,000	80,000
IN	65,000	65,000	63,000
IA	102,000	102,000	100,000
KS	69,000	67,000	65,000
KY	91,000	91,000	91,000
LA	30,000	30,000	29,000
ME	7,100	7,100	7,100
MD	15,400	15,600	15,000
MA	6,900	6,900	6,600
MI	54,000	54,000	52,000
MN	88,000	88,000	87,000
MS	38,000	38,000	39,000
MO	107,000	107,000	106,000
MT	24,700	24,600	24,500
NE	56,000	56,000	55,000
NV	2,500	2,500	2,400
NH	2,900	2,900	2,700
NJ	8,300	8,500	8,400
NM	13,500	13,500	13,500
NY	38,000	38,000	38,000
NC	60,000	60,000	59,000
ND	33,000	33,000	33,000
OH	80,000	78,000	76,000
OK	70,000	71,000	71,000
OR	37,000	37,500	37,000
PA	53,000	52,000	51,000
RI	700	700	700
SC	24,500	24,500	24,300
SD	35,000	35,000	34,500
TN	87,000	88,000	86,000
TX	185,000	183,000	185,000
UT	13,300	13,200	13,000
VT	6,900	6,900	6,900
VA	45,000	44,000	43,000
WA	37,000	37,000	36,000
WV	20,000	20,000	20,000
WI	79,000	79,000	79,000
WY	9,000	9,200	9,300
US	2,105,060	2,093,840	2,068,240

Land in Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1991-93

State	1991	1992	1993
	1,000 Acres		
AL	9,900	9,800	10,000
AK	980	960	950
AZ	36,000	36,000	36,000
AR	15,500	15,500	15,400
CA	30,300	29,800	29,700
CO	32,800	32,800	32,800
CT	420	410	410
DE	570	560	550
FL	10,500	10,500	10,300
GA	12,100	12,100	12,100
HI	1,710	1,710	1,710
ID	13,500	13,500	13,500
IL	28,500	28,400	28,300
IN	16,000	16,000	16,000
IA	33,500	33,400	33,300
KS	47,900	47,800	47,800
KY	14,100	14,100	14,100
LA	8,800	8,700	8,600
ME	1,420	1,420	1,420
MD	2,250	2,200	2,200
MA	680	680	650
MI	10,800	10,800	10,700
MN	30,000	29,800	29,700
MS	12,800	12,800	13,000
MO	30,400	30,300	30,200
MT	60,300	60,000	59,900
NE	47,100	47,100	47,100
NV	8,900	8,900	8,900
NH	480	470	470
NJ	880	880	870
NM	44,300	44,200	44,200
NY	8,300	8,200	8,200
NC	9,600	9,500	9,400
ND	40,400	40,400	40,400
OH	15,700	15,400	15,200
OK	33,000	34,000	34,000
OR	17,800	17,500	17,500
PA	8,100	8,000	7,900
RI	66	63	63
SC	5,200	5,200	5,150
SD	44,200	44,200	44,200
TN	12,400	12,600	12,400
TX	131,000	130,000	130,000
UT	11,300	11,300	11,200
VT	1,510	1,510	1,510
VA	8,800	8,700	8,600
WA	16,000	16,000	16,000
WV	3,700	3,700	3,700
WI	17,500	17,300	17,100
WY	34,800	34,800	34,800
US	982,766	979,963	978,153

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			
<b>Northeast</b>				
NY	17,900	11,900	8,200	38,000
PA	24,400	18,500	8,100	51,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	22,200	8,800	5,400	36,400
Total	64,500	39,200	21,700	125,400
<b>North Central</b>				
IL	22,000	35,000	23,000	80,000
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	27,500	16,500	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	6,400	15,900	10,700	33,000
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	296,000	352,200	182,300	830,500
<b>South</b>				
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>	55,000			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	38,200	27,200	5,600	71,000
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	507,800	249,000	85,000	841,800
<b>West</b>				
CA	33,000	25,000	18,000	76,000
OR <u>2/</u>	26,500			37,000
WA	20,500	8,000	7,500	36,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	49,000			121,540
Total	129,000	91,040	50,500	270,540
<b>US</b>	<b>997,300</b>	<b>731,440</b>	<b>339,500</b>	<b>2,068,240</b>

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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>	1.493	1.500	2.400	5.393
Total	4.693	7.400	9.400	21.493
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	16.200	8.600	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	137.350	197.200	360.000
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	2.900			10.000
AR	2.100	2.500	10.800	15.400
FL <u>2/</u>	1.700			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			13.000
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	50.250	109.500	129.750	289.500
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>	9.860			243.960
Total	14.460	97.000	195.700	307.160
US	94.853	351.250	532.050	978.153

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Region, and United States, June 1, 1992

State and Region	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	
	Number			
<b>Northeast</b>				
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
<b>North Central</b>				
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
<b>South</b>				
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
<b>West</b>				
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
<b>US</b>	<b>1,005,700</b>	<b>762,700</b>	<b>325,440</b>	<b>2,093,840</b>

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Region, and United States, June 1, 1992

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	1,900	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/ 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/ 4/</u>	11,570			244,170
Total	15,770	99,700	192,000	307,470
US	96,963	370,500	512,500	979,963

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Number				
<b>Northeast</b>				
NY	17,200	12,600	8,200	38,000
PA	25,000	19,800	8,200	53,000
Other States <u>1/</u>	20,400	10,700	5,600	36,700
Total	62,600	43,100	22,000	127,700
<b>North Central</b>				
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
Total	295,300	380,800	173,900	850,000
<b>South</b>				
AL <u>2/</u>	28,000			46,000
AR	23,500	12,500	10,000	46,000
FL <u>2/</u>	24,000			40,000
GA	26,200	13,000	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/ 3/</u>	37,200			62,800
Total	514,000	251,300	81,500	846,800
<b>West</b>				
CA	35,100	28,500	19,400	83,000
OR <u>2/</u>	25,000			37,000
WA	20,600	9,000	7,400	37,000
Other States <u>2/ 4/</u>	50,300			123,560
Total	131,000	99,900	49,660	280,560
US	1,002,900	775,100	327,060	2,105,060

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	1,000 Acres			
Northeast				
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
Total	4,696	7,680	9,480	21,856
North Central				
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
Total	26,100	151,000	184,900	362,000
South				
AL <u>2/</u>	2,600			9,900
AR	2,100	2,500	10,900	15,500
FL <u>2/</u>	1,600			10,500
GA	2,400	3,700	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>	2,921			11,720
Total	52,000	116,620	121,600	290,220
West				
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			244,590
Total	15,700	101,000	191,990	308,690
US	98,496	376,300	507,970	982,766

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

2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.

3/ DE, LA, 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, 1991-93

Economic Sales Class	Economic Sales Class Estimates		
	Percent of Total		Average Size Farm (Acres)
	Farms	Land	
1991			
\$1,000 - \$2,499	20.9	3.0	67
\$2,500 - \$4,999	13.9	3.0	101
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12.9	4.0	145
\$10,000 - \$19,999	10.8	6.0	259
\$20,000 - \$39,999	11.3	10.3	426
\$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	1,867
\$500,000 +	2.0	13.5	3,151
Total	100.0	100.0	467
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	21.1	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	10.6	9.5	424
\$40,000 - \$99,999	13.4	20.3	716
\$100,000 - \$249,999	10.8	26.1	1,143
\$250,000 - \$499,999	3.4	13.3	1,850
\$500,000 +	2.2	15.0	3,225
Total	100.0	100.0	473

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## 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 number 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.

**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 3 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.

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## 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.

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