

FARM NUMBERS



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FARM NUMBERS CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND

Farms in the United States numbered 2.71 million during 1977, a decrease of 1 percent from 1976. The preliminary estimate for 1978 indicates 2.68 million farms will be in operation. These reductions continue the downward trend of recent years.

Total land in farms, estimated at 1,075 million acres for 1977, was down slightly from the 1,078 million acres estimated for 1976. The 1978 preliminary estimate of land in farms is 1,072 million acres.

Estimates in this publication continue the series of estimates of number of farms and land in farms based on the definition of a farm used since 1959. Under this definition, a farm is defined as any place of 10 or more acres that had annual sales of \$50 or more of agricultural products, or any place of less than 10 acres that had annual sales of \$250 or more.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, U. S. 1967-78

YEAR	FARMS	LAND IN FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSAND ACRES	ACRES
1967	3,162	1,123,456	355
1968	3,071	1,115,231	363
1969	3,000	1,107,811	369
1970	2,949	1,102,371	374
1971	2,902	1,096,863	378
1972	2,860	1,092,065	382
1973	2,823	1,087,923	385
1974	2,795	1,084,433	388
1975	2,767	1,081,448	391
1976	2,738	1,078,263	394
1977	2,706	1,075,003	397
1978 ^{1/}	2,680	1,072,333	400

^{1/} PRELIMINARY.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, BY STATES, 1976-78

STATE	FARMS			LAND IN FARMS		
	1976	1977	1978 ^{1/}	1976	1977	1978 ^{1/}
	NUMBER			1,000 ACRES		
ALA	77,000	77,000	76,000	14,500	14,500	14,400
ALAS ^{2/}	310	310	310	1,690	1,690	1,690
ARIZ	6,600	6,600	6,600	40,900	40,800	40,700
ARK	69,000	68,000	68,000	17,400	17,300	17,300
CALIF	74,000	75,000	75,000	34,600	34,400	34,000
COLO	29,300	29,000	29,000	39,200	39,000	39,000
CONN	4,100	4,000	4,000	490	470	470
DEL	3,700	3,600	3,500	670	665	655
FLA	38,500	38,500	38,500	14,100	14,100	14,000
GA	71,000	70,000	69,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
HAW	4,100	4,100	4,100	2,300	2,300	2,300
IDAHO	27,100	27,000	26,900	15,600	15,600	15,600
ILL	120,000	118,000	117,000	29,100	29,000	28,900
IND	98,000	96,000	95,000	17,100	17,100	17,100
IOWA	133,000	131,000	128,000	34,200	34,200	34,100
KANS	79,000	77,000	76,000	48,800	48,700	48,500
KY	119,000	118,000	117,000	15,600	15,500	15,500
LA	45,000	44,000	43,000	11,400	11,200	11,100
MAINE	7,600	7,600	7,600	1,690	1,690	1,690
MD	17,600	17,500	17,400	2,925	2,905	2,900
MASS	5,400	5,300	5,300	680	670	670
MICH	75,000	74,000	72,000	11,700	11,600	11,400
MINN	117,000	116,000	114,000	30,600	30,600	30,600
MISS	79,000	79,000	78,000	16,300	16,300	16,200
MO	134,000	133,000	133,000	32,700	32,600	32,600
MONT	23,700	23,300	22,900	62,400	62,300	62,100
NEBR	69,000	68,000	68,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
NEV	2,100	2,100	2,100	9,000	9,000	9,000
N H	3,000	3,000	3,000	580	580	580
N J	8,400	8,300	8,300	1,020	1,015	1,010
N MEX	12,800	12,800	12,800	47,300	47,300	47,300
N Y	58,000	57,000	57,000	11,300	11,100	11,100
N C	119,000	117,000	115,000	13,300	13,200	13,100
N DAK	42,000	41,500	41,500	41,700	41,700	41,700
OHIO	110,000	109,000	108,000	17,000	16,900	16,800
OKLA	86,000	86,000	85,000	36,800	36,800	36,700
OREG	34,000	34,000	34,000	19,400	19,300	19,200
PA	72,000	72,000	72,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
R I	740	740	740	68	68	68
S C	45,000	45,000	45,000	7,700	7,700	7,700
S DAK	44,000	43,500	43,000	45,500	45,500	45,500
TENN	114,000	112,000	110,000	14,800	14,700	14,600
TEX	202,000	199,000	197,000	140,600	140,000	139,800
UTAH	13,400	13,400	13,400	12,900	12,900	12,900
VT	6,700	6,700	6,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
VA	64,000	62,000	61,000	10,200	10,000	9,900
WASH	37,000	36,500	36,500	16,300	16,200	16,200
W VA	26,500	26,000	26,000	4,750	4,650	4,600
WIS	102,000	100,000	99,000	19,300	19,100	19,000
WYO	8,200	8,100	8,000	35,300	35,300	35,300
U S	2,737,850	2,706,450	2,680,150	1,078,263	1,075,003	1,072,333

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