

# Farm Computer Usage and Ownership



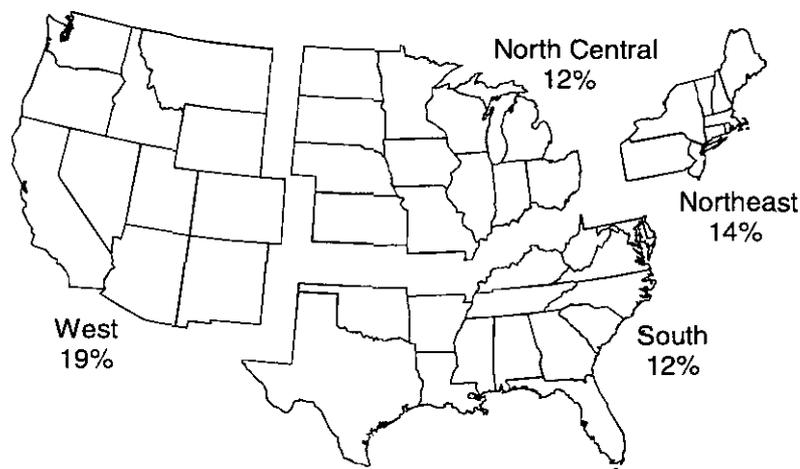
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## Thirteen Percent of U.S. Farms Have Internet Access

Thirteen percent of U.S. farms have Internet access. Internet access ranges from 4 percent in Louisiana and Mississippi to 31 percent in New Jersey. Thirty-one percent of U.S. farms own or lease computers, and 20 percent use a computer for their farm business.

### Farms With Internet Access by Region, 1997



**Survey Procedures:** A nationwide survey is conducted every June to provide estimates of crop acres planted, grain in storage, livestock inventories, and land values. This year, questions were added to the survey form that asked the operator about access and use of computers. The computer usage estimates are based on responses from nearly 34,000 agricultural operations and represent all sizes and types of farms.

**Farm Computer Usage: Access, Ownership, and Use by State  
and United States, 1997**

State	Number of Farms	Percent of Farms			
		With Computer Access	That Owned or Lease Computers	Using Computers for Farm Business	With Internet Access
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	45,000	25	21	13	9
AZ	7,500	46	42	35	16
AR	42,500	25	22	17	10
CA	84,000	51	47	30	23
CO	24,500	47	43	31	16
DE	2,400	45	44	21	18
FL	40,000	41	35	24	19
GA	43,000	25	23	12	11
ID	22,000	48	36	21	12
IL	76,000	45	36	27	17
IN	62,000	37	29	16	10
IA	98,000	46	37	25	12
KS	65,000	36	31	21	11
KY	88,000	23	18	9	8
LA	26,500	26	21	14	4
MD	13,000	50	43	33	25
MI	52,000	47	38	20	17
MN	87,000	43	32	22	11
MS	43,000	22	15	9	4
MO	102,000	33	27	16	10
MT	23,000	54	41	33	15
NE	55,000	45	38	29	14
NV	2,500	37	33	10	5
NH <sup>1</sup>	26,500	35	31	22	11
NJ	9,400	53	40	22	31
NM	13,500	47	39	27	14
NY	36,000	42	33	19	14
NC	57,000	30	24	13	10
ND	30,500	44	34	28	11
OH	73,000	41	30	18	14
OK	73,000	31	26	15	9
OR	37,500	61	52	30	22
PA	50,000	34	25	14	13
SC	21,500	25	20	11	9
SD	32,500	43	30	24	13
TN	80,000	24	17	7	8
TX	205,000	41	32	21	18
UT	13,400	68	52	31	29
VA	47,000	26	20	10	8
WA	36,000	58	55	41	20
WV	20,000	30	22	9	13
WI	79,000	36	29	19	9
WY	9,100	56	45	37	11
US <sup>2</sup>	2,053,800	38	31	20	13

<sup>1</sup> Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes AK and HI.

**Farm Computer Usage: Access, Ownership, and Use by Economic Class,  
Type of Farm <sup>1</sup>, Region, and United States, 1997**

State	Number of Farms	Percent of Farms			
		With Computer Access	That Owned or Lease Computers	Using Computers for Farm Business	With Internet Access
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Northeast <sup>2</sup>	121,900	38	30	18	14
\$1,000-9,999	63,300	38	27	11	14
\$10,000-99,999	35,800	31	27	19	11
\$100,000 & Over	22,800	48	43	38	21
Crop Farms	54,600	43	36	21	17
Livestock Farms	67,300	34	25	15	12
North Central <sup>3</sup>	812,000	41	32	22	12
\$1,000-9,999	303,100	36	26	11	12
\$10,000-99,999	316,700	34	26	18	10
\$100,000 & Over	192,200	61	53	45	17
Crop Farms	415,700	43	35	24	13
Livestock Farms	396,300	39	29	20	11
South <sup>4</sup>	846,900	31	24	15	12
\$1,000-9,999	532,000	26	20	9	11
\$10,000-99,999	233,900	32	25	18	12
\$100,000 & Over	81,000	56	50	44	21
Crop Farms	315,000	31	25	17	12
Livestock Farms	531,900	31	24	14	12
West <sup>5</sup>	273,000	53	47	31	19
\$1,000-9,999	132,000	47	40	18	16
\$10,000-99,999	90,200	53	47	34	18
\$100,000 & Over	50,800	70	66	62	30
Crop Farms	130,800	60	55	41	23
Livestock Farms	142,200	47	39	22	16
US <sup>6</sup>	2,053,800	38	31	20	13
\$1,000-9,999	1,030,400	32	25	11	12
\$10,000-99,999	676,600	36	29	20	12
\$100,000 & Over	346,800	60	54	47	20
Crop Farms	916,100	41	34	24	14
Livestock Farms	1,137,700	36	28	17	12

<sup>1</sup> Crop and livestock farms are based on 1992 Census of Agriculture percentages by farm type.

<sup>2</sup> Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.

<sup>3</sup> Includes IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.

<sup>4</sup> Includes AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV.

<sup>5</sup> Includes AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, and WY.

<sup>6</sup> Excludes AK and HI.

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