
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

Final Estimates by States, 1969-75

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.



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This publication continues the Department of Agriculture's series of official final estimates of number of farms and land in farms. The series began with Statistical Bulletin No. 316 for the years 1910-59 for number of farms and 1950-59 for land in farms, published in June 1962; and No. 507 for the years 1959-70, published in January 1973. These estimates are based on a thorough review of the original annual estimates, consideration of the 5-year Census of Agriculture data, and survey information gathered by the Crop Reporting Board.

INFLUENCE OF THE FARM DEFINITION

Estimates from USDA of farm numbers and land in farms reflect the statistical definition of a farm used by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, for their Census of Agriculture to assure data users of some degree of continuity in comparing estimates from both sources.

The Bureau of the Census is responsible for establishing minimum criteria defining a farm for agricultural census purposes. The definition is developed in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and interested organizations from the public and private sectors.

The farm definition has changed several times since the first agricultural census in 1840, primarily reflecting a changing agriculture. The latest adjustment was in 1974 when a farm was defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products are sold or normally would be sold during a year." All final reports from the 1974 Census of Agriculture were published in conformance with this definition; number of farms, and land in farms also were published using the 1959 definition.

In 1976, Congress directed that the 1974 farm definition be set aside. Legislation is now pending to create a new, more acceptable definition. Because of this situation, the Department of Agriculture has not used the 1974 definition in estimating number of farms and land in farms in its annual series. USDA continues to apply the 1959 definition.

Estimates of land in farms represent acreages associated with the number of farms. Estimates of farmland exclude Government-owned land grazed on a fee or permit basis but include land leased for grazing from the Government. This is the same definition as used in the Census of Agriculture.

Preliminary estimated "incompleteness" of the 1974 census count of farms, based on the 1959 farm definition, was 13.9 percent, compared to 15.0 percent in 1969 and 11.1 percent in 1964.

NUMBER OF FARMS, BY STATES, 1969-72

STATE	1969	1970	1971	1972
ALA	85,000	82,000	80,000	78,000
ALAS	320	320	320	320
ARIZ	6,400	6,300	6,200	6,200
ARK	72,000	72,000	71,000	70,000
CALIF	65,000	64,000	64,000	66,000
COLO	31,000	30,500	30,400	30,200
CONN	5,100	4,900	4,700	4,500
DEL	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800
FLA	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
GA	78,000	77,000	76,000	76,000
HAW	4,600	4,500	4,300	4,200
IDAHO	28,900	28,500	28,200	27,900
ILL	130,000	128,000	127,000	126,000
IND	109,000	107,000	105,000	103,000
IOWA	147,000	145,000	143,000	141,000
KANS	89,000	87,000	86,000	85,000
KY	128,000	127,000	125,000	124,000
LA	52,000	51,000	50,000	49,000
MAINE	9,100	8,600	8,200	7,800
MD	19,200	18,800	18,500	18,200
MASS	6,500	6,200	5,900	5,700
MICH	86,000	84,000	82,000	81,000
MINN	123,000	121,000	120,000	118,000
MISS	91,000	89,000	87,000	85,000
MO	145,000	143,000	141,000	139,000
MONT	26,700	26,400	26,000	25,500
NEBR	74,000	73,000	72,000	71,000
NEV	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
N H	3,300	3,200	3,200	3,200
N J	8,900	8,600	8,500	8,500
N MEX	13,000	12,400	12,200	12,000
N Y	59,000	58,000	57,000	58,000
N C	155,000	150,000	143,000	136,000
N DAK	46,000	45,500	45,000	44,000
OHIO	120,000	118,000	116,000	114,000
OKLA	90,000	90,000	89,000	88,000
OREG	35,000	34,500	34,000	34,000
PA	75,000	74,000	73,000	72,000
R I	860	820	790	760
S C	53,000	52,000	51,000	48,000
S DAK	47,500	47,000	46,500	46,000
TENN	130,000	127,000	127,000	125,000
TEX	214,000	212,000	210,000	209,000
UTAH	14,300	14,100	13,900	13,700
VT	7,600	7,300	7,000	6,800
VA	78,000	76,000	74,000	72,000
WASH	42,000	41,000	40,000	39,000
W VA	30,000	29,000	28,000	27,000
WIS	112,000	110,000	108,000	107,000
WYO	8,800	8,700	8,600	8,500
U S	3,000,180	2,949,140	2,902,310	2,859,880

NUMBER OF FARMS, BY STATES, 1973-75

STATE	1973	1974	1975
ALA	78,000	78,000	77,000
ALAS	320	320	310
ARIZ	6,300	6,500	6,500
ARK	69,000	69,000	69,000
CALIF	68,000	70,000	72,000
COLO	29,800	29,500	29,400
CONN	4,300	4,200	4,200
DEL	3,800	3,800	3,800
FLA	38,500	38,500	38,500
GA	74,000	73,000	72,000
HAW	4,100	4,100	4,100
IDAHO	27,700	27,500	27,300
ILL	125,000	124,000	122,000
IND	102,000	100,000	99,000
IOWA	139,000	138,000	136,000
KANS	84,000	83,000	81,000
KY	122,000	121,000	120,000
LA	48,000	47,000	46,000
MAINE	7,700	7,600	7,600
MD	18,000	17,800	17,600
MASS	5,500	5,500	5,500
MICH	78,000	76,000	76,000
MINN	117,000	117,000	117,000
MISS	83,000	81,000	80,000
MO	138,000	136,000	135,000
MONT	25,100	24,600	24,200
NEBR	70,000	70,000	69,000
NEV	2,100	2,100	2,100
N H	3,100	3,000	3,000
N J	8,500	8,400	8,400
N MEX	12,000	12,200	12,600
N Y	59,000	60,000	59,000
N C	130,000	124,000	121,000
N DAK	43,500	43,000	42,500
OHIO	113,000	112,000	111,000
OKLA	87,000	87,000	87,000
OREG	34,000	34,000	34,000
PA	71,000	71,000	72,000
R I	740	740	740
S C	46,000	45,000	45,000
S DAK	45,500	45,000	44,500
TENN	123,000	120,000	117,000
TEX	209,000	209,000	205,000
UTAH	13,600	13,500	13,400
VT	6,700	6,700	6,700
VA	70,000	68,000	66,000
WASH	38,500	38,000	37,000
W VA	26,500	26,500	26,500
WIS	106,000	105,000	104,000
WYO	8,400	8,400	8,300
U S	2,823,260	2,795,460	2,766,750

LAND IN FARMS, BY STATES, 1969-72

STATE	1969	1970	1971	1972
	1,000 ACRES			
ALA	15,000	14,800	14,700	14,600
ALAS ^{1/}	1,710	1,710	1,710	1,700
ARIZ	41,300	41,300	41,200	41,200
ARK	17,600	17,600	17,500	17,500
CALIF	37,000	36,600	36,200	35,800
COLO	40,000	39,700	39,600	39,500
CONN	610	590	560	540
DEL	720	715	710	700
FLA	15,000	14,800	14,700	14,600
GA	17,600	17,400	17,200	17,200
HAW	2,310	2,300	2,300	2,300
IDAHO	15,400	15,500	15,500	15,500
ILL	29,700	29,500	29,400	29,400
IND	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,400
IOWA	34,400	34,400	34,400	34,300
KANS	50,000	49,900	49,700	49,500
KY	16,400	16,300	16,100	16,000
LA	11,800	11,800	11,800	11,800
MAINE	2,000	1,910	1,820	1,730
MD	3,130	3,080	3,050	3,010
MASS	780	750	720	700
MICH	12,900	12,700	12,500	12,300
MINN	31,100	30,900	30,700	30,600
MISS	17,600	17,300	17,200	16,900
MO	33,300	33,200	33,000	32,900
MONT	64,700	64,200	63,700	63,200
NEBR	48,200	48,100	48,100	48,100
NEV	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
N H	690	670	650	620
N J	1,080	1,060	1,050	1,045
N MEX	48,000	47,800	47,600	47,500
N Y	11,200	11,200	11,000	11,200
N C	15,500	15,200	14,800	14,400
N DAK	41,900	41,900	41,800	41,800
OHIO	17,700	17,600	17,500	17,400
OKLA	37,200	37,100	37,100	37,000
OREG	20,300	20,100	19,900	19,800
PA	10,300	10,200	10,100	10,000
R I	81	76	73	70
S C	8,400	8,300	8,200	8,000
S DAK	45,500	45,500	45,500	45,500
TENN	15,500	15,400	15,400	15,200
TEX	143,000	142,800	142,500	142,000
UTAH	13,300	13,200	13,100	13,100
VT	2,100	2,010	1,920	1,850
VA	11,600	11,400	11,200	11,000
WASH	16,700	16,600	16,500	16,400
W VA	5,200	5,100	5,000	4,900
WIS	20,300	20,100	19,900	19,800
WYO	35,500	35,500	35,500	35,500
U S	1,107,811	1,102,371	1,096,863	1,092,055

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

LAND IN FARMS, BY STATES, 1973-75

STATE	1973	1974	1975
	1,000 ACRES		
ALA	14,600	14,600	14,700
ALAS ^{1/}	1,700	1,700	1,690
ARIZ	41,100	41,100	41,000
ARK	17,400	17,400	17,400
CALIF	35,400	35,000	34,800
COLO	39,300	39,300	39,200
CONN	510	500	500
DEL	690	680	675
FLA	14,400	14,200	14,200
GA	17,000	17,000	17,000
HAW	2,300	2,300	2,300
IDAHO	15,500	15,500	15,600
ILL	29,300	29,200	29,100
IND	17,300	17,200	17,200
IOWA	34,300	34,300	34,200
KANS	49,300	49,000	48,900
KY	15,900	15,700	15,600
LA	11,700	11,700	11,600
MAINF	1,710	1,690	1,690
MD	2,970	2,955	2,940
MASS	680	680	680
MICH	12,000	11,700	11,800
MINN	30,600	30,600	30,600
MISS	16,700	16,500	16,400
MO	32,900	32,800	32,700
MONT	63,000	62,800	62,600
NEBR	48,100	48,100	48,000
NEV	9,000	9,000	9,000
N H	600	580	580
N J	1,035	1,030	1,025
N MEX	47,500	47,400	47,400
N Y	11,500	11,700	11,500
N C	14,000	13,600	13,400
N DAK	41,800	41,700	41,700
OHIO	17,300	17,200	17,100
OKLA	37,000	36,900	36,800
OREG	19,700	19,600	19,500
PA	9,900	9,900	10,000
R I	68	68	68
S C	7,800	7,700	7,700
S DAK	45,500	45,500	45,500
TENN	15,100	15,000	14,900
TEX	141,800	141,800	141,200
UTAH	13,000	13,000	12,900
VT	1,810	1,800	1,800
VA	10,800	10,600	10,400
WASH	16,400	16,300	16,300
W VA	4,850	4,850	4,800
WIS	19,700	19,600	19,500
WYO	35,400	35,400	35,300
U S	1,087,923	1,084,433	1,081,448

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