

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS



United States, 1964-75
By States, 1973-75

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NUMBER OF FARMS DECLINES SLIGHTLY

There were 2,830,000 farms in the United States during 1974, less than one percent fewer than in 1973. The preliminary estimate for 1975 indicates 2,819,000, a slight decline from 1974.

Total land in farms, estimated at 1,088 million acres for 1974, declined less than one percent. The 1975 preliminary estimate of 1,087,000 million acres, is slightly smaller than 1974.

The average size of farms continues to grow, but at a smaller rate than during the past ten years. The 1974 average of 384 acres per farm was 1 acre larger than 1973 and 52 acres larger than 10 years ago. The average size farm for 1975 is again only one acre larger than a year earlier.

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YEAR	FARMS	LAND IN FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSAND ACRES	ACRES
1964	3,457	1,146,106	332
1965	3,356	1,139,597	340
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 1/	2,819	1,086,375	385

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STATE	FARMS			LAND IN FARMS		
	1973	1974	1975 1/	1973	1974	1975 1/
	NUMBER			1,000 ACRES		
ALA	78,000	78,000	77,000	14,600	14,600	14,500
ALAS 2/	310	310	300	1,710	1,710	1,710
ARIZ	6,000	5,900	5,800	39,000	38,400	38,000
ARK	69,000	69,000	69,000	17,300	17,300	17,300
CALIF	63,000	63,000	63,000	36,200	36,100	36,000
COLO	29,500	29,500	29,500	39,900	39,900	39,900
CONN	4,400	4,400	4,400	540	540	540
DEL	3,600	3,600	3,500	700	698	697
FLA	35,000	34,000	34,000	14,600	14,500	14,500
GA	75,000	75,000	75,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
HAW	4,300	4,300	4,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
IDAHO	27,600	27,200	27,000	15,500	15,500	15,600
ILL	127,000	126,000	125,000	29,300	29,200	29,100
IND	107,000	106,000	106,000	17,500	17,500	17,500
IOWA	139,000	138,000	137,000	34,300	34,300	34,300
KANS	84,000	83,000	82,000	49,900	49,900	49,900
KY	126,000	126,000	125,000	16,200	16,200	16,200
LA	48,000	48,000	48,000	11,800	11,800	11,800
MAINE	7,700	7,600	7,600	1,730	1,710	1,710
MD	18,000	17,800	17,600	2,970	2,955	2,940
MASS	5,800	5,800	5,800	710	710	710
MICH	80,000	80,000	80,000	12,300	12,300	12,300
MINN	118,000	118,000	118,000	30,600	30,600	30,600
MISS	85,000	85,000	85,000	17,200	17,200	17,200
MO	139,000	139,000	139,000	32,900	32,800	32,700
MONT	25,100	24,600	24,000	62,700	62,500	62,400
NEBR	70,000	69,000	68,000	48,100	48,100	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	8,100	8,000	7,900	1,035	1,030	1,025
N MEX	11,800	11,800	11,800	47,200	47,200	47,200
N Y	56,000	57,000	58,000	10,900	11,200	11,400
N C	137,000	135,000	132,000	14,200	14,000	13,800
N DAK	42,000	41,500	41,000	41,700	41,700	41,600
OHIO	117,000	117,000	117,000	17,400	17,400	17,400
OKLA	87,000	87,000	86,000	37,000	36,900	36,800
OREG	33,000	32,500	32,500	19,700	19,600	19,500
PA	71,000	71,000	72,000	9,900	9,900	10,008
R I	680	680	680	65	65	65
S C	48,000	47,000	47,000	7,900	7,800	7,800
S DAK	44,000	43,500	43,000	45,500	45,500	45,500
TENN	125,000	125,000	125,000	15,400	15,400	15,400
TEX	209,000	209,000	209,000	141,800	141,800	141,800
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	74,000	73,000	72,000	11,200	11,100	10,900
WASH	40,500	40,000	40,000	16,600	16,500	16,500
W VA	26,500	26,500	27,000	4,850	4,850	4,850
WIS	106,000	105,000	104,000	19,700	19,600	19,500
WYO	8,200	8,200	8,100	35,500	35,500	35,500
U S	2,843,890	2,830,490	2,818,580	1,089,530	1,087,788	1,086,375

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