

Iowa Farms: Number, Average Size, and Land in Farms

Year	Number of farms	Average size	Land in farms	Year	Number of farms	Average size	Land in farms
	<i>1,000 farms</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million acres</i>		<i>1,000 farms</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million acres</i>
1950	206	169	34.8	1995	100	330	33.0
1955	195	179	34.9	1996	99	333	33.0
1960	183	190	34.7	1997	98	337	33.0
1965	158	219	34.6	1998	97	339	32.9
1970	145	237	34.4	1999	95	345	32.8
1975	136	251	34.2	2000	94	346	32.5
1975 ¹	130	262	34.1	2001	92	348	32.0
1980	119	284	33.8	2002	90.6	351	31.8
1985	111	303	33.6	2003	90	352	31.7
1990	104	322	33.5	2004	89.7	353	31.7

¹The "New Definition" of a farm, starting in 1975, includes places which had annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more. This is the same definition used by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, for the 1978 Census of Agriculture. The "Old Definition" of a farm included places of 10 or more acres and had annual sales of \$50 or more and places of less than 10 acres that had annual sales of \$250 or more.

