

FARM NUMBERS

The 2002 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 79,000, unchanged from 2001. The Minnesota number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class increased 500 to 31,000 in 2001. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class decreased 500 to 28,000 farms in 2002.

Minnesota commercial farms in the \$100,000 and over sales class remained unchanged from 2001 at 20,000 in 2002. Beginning in 2002, this \$100,000 and over sales class was divided into three categories for number of farms and land in farms.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND
AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1991-2002 1/ 2/**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Size of Farms
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres
1991	88,000	30,000	341
1992	88,000	29,800	339
1993	86,000	29,700	345
1994	84,500	29,500	349
1995	83,000	29,400	354
1996	82,000	29,200	356
1997	81,000	29,100	359
1998	80,000	28,900	361
1999	80,000	28,800	360
2000	79,000	28,600	362
2001	79,000	28,500	361
2002	79,000	28,400	359

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

2/ For the years of 1992 and earlier, farm numbers and land in farms are for a June 1 reference date. Starting with 1993, numbers are for the entire year.

**NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 1997-2002**

Year	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	<u>Number</u>						
1997	29,500	30,500	21,000	--	--	--	81,000
1998	29,500	29,500	21,000	--	--	--	80,000
1999	30,500	29,500	20,000	--	--	--	80,000
2000	30,000	29,000	20,000	--	--	--	79,000
2001	30,500	28,500	20,000	--	--	--	79,000
2002 1/	31,000	28,000	--	12,500	5,000	2,500	79,000

1/ Beginning in 2002, the \$100,000 & Over sales class was divided into three categories.

**LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 1997-2002**

Year	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000 & Over	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	<u>1,000 Acres</u>						
1997	3,100	8,700	17,300	--	--	--	29,100
1998	3,100	8,500	17,300	--	--	--	28,900
1999	3,100	8,600	17,100	--	--	--	28,800
2000	3,000	8,500	17,100	--	--	--	28,600
2001	3,000	8,400	17,100	--	--	--	28,500
2002 1/	3,000	8,300	--	7,600	5,300	4,200	28,400

1/ Beginning in 2002, the \$100,000 & Over sales class was divided into three categories.