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Farms and Land in Farms

In 2007, farms in Oregon were estimated at 38,300, a decrease of 1,000 farms from 2006. A farm is “any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.” Land in farms decreased to 17.0 million acres. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms includes acres in the Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve Programs, or other government programs.

The number of farms in the United States in 2007 is estimated at 2.08 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2006. Total land in farms, at 930.9 million acres, decreased 1.5 million acres, or 0.16 percent, from 2006. The average farm size was 449 acres during 2007, an increase of three acres from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

Number of farms and land in farms, Oregon and the United States, 1993-2007 ¹

Year	Oregon			United States		
	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1993	37.5	17,500	467	2,202	968,845	440
1994	38.0	17,500	461	2,198	965,935	440
1995	38.5	17,500	455	2,196	962,515	438
1996	38.5	17,500	455	2,191	958,675	438
1997	39.0	17,500	449	2,191	956,010	436
1998	39.5	17,300	438	2,192	952,080	434
1999	40.0	17,300	433	2,187	948,460	434
2000	40.0	17,300	433	2,167	945,080	436
2001	40.0	17,200	430	2,149	942,070	438
2002	40.0	17,200	430	2,135	940,300	440
2003	40.0	17,200	430	2,127	938,650	441
2004	40.0	17,200	430	2,113	936,295	443
2005	40.0	17,100	428	2,099	933,210	445
2006	39.3	17,100	435	2,090	932,430	446
2007	38.3	17,000	444	2,076	930,920	449

¹ A farm is defined as any place that sells or would normally sell \$1,000 worth of agricultural products or receives at least \$1,000 in farm program payments.

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Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	4.89	8.86	10.10	4.71	7.93	10.40
Wheat, winter	Bu	4.88	8.78	9.70	4.67	7.78	9.22
Wheat, spring	Bu	5.00	9.40	12.60	4.73	7.99	11.90
Barley	Bu	4.27	5.80	5.40	3.09	4.34	4.06
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	2.35	2.96	2.97
Hay, all (baled) ²	Ton	131.00	156.00	174.00	113.00	129.00	133.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ²	Ton	132.00	153.00	169.00	115.00	135.00	138.00
Hay, other (baled) ²	Ton	127.00	162.00	184.00	108.00	118.00	122.00
Potatoes	Cwt	6.65	8.65	8.75	7.42	7.33	7.14
Vegetables and fruits ¹							
Onions, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	26.20	4.54	3.37
Sweet corn, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	23.60	30.80	23.00
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	517.00	553.00	534.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.297	0.356	0.347
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	147.00	194.00	163.00
Livestock and livestock products							
Cows ⁴	Cwt	42.60	43.00	44.50	47.00	46.30	49.70
Steers and heifers	Cwt	89.60	90.20	87.80	91.40	93.40	93.20
Beef cattle ⁵	Cwt	75.50	76.00	74.80	86.10	87.30	87.80
Calves	Cwt	104.00	100.00	104.00	114.00	117.00	118.00
Lambs ⁶	Cwt	91.20	97.50	-	94.80	97.50	-
Sheep ⁶	Cwt	35.00	43.00	-	37.30	31.90	-
Milk, all ⁷	Cwt	16.10	19.60	18.10	14.90	20.50	19.30
Fat test percent	Pct	3.76	3.81	3.76	3.77	3.79	3.77
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.781	1.290	1.310
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	0.627	1.200	1.220

* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price. ¹ Oregon not published monthly. ² Most recent price is a mid-month price. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Index summary table

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008
United States				
Prices received	811	919	128	145
Prices paid	2,084	2,299	156	172
Ratio ¹	-	-	82	84
Parity Ratio ²	39	40	-	-
Oregon ³				
Commodity group				
All farm products	830	806	139	134
All crops	825	771	147	137
Livestock ⁴	845	916	115	125

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

³ Monthly indices changes are heavily influenced by changes in monthly commodity marketing weights.

⁴ Includes livestock and livestock products.

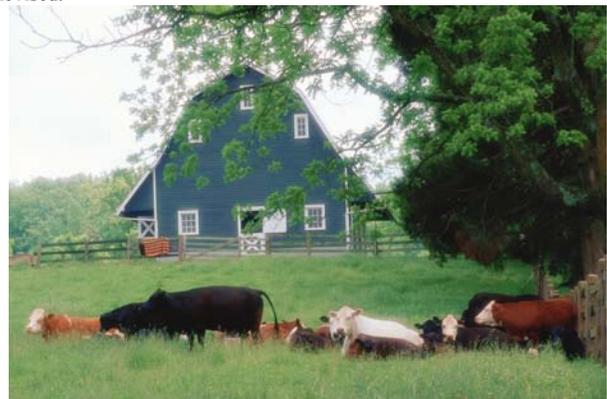
Feed price ratios: United States, February 2008

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2007	2008	
	Feb	Jan *	Feb
Broiler Feed	5.6	4.3	4.1
Market egg feed	8.4	12.7	11.9
Hog-corn	13.8	9.4	9.9
Milk-feed	2.33	2.66	2.36
Steer and heifer-corn	26.6	23.5	21.9
Turkey-feed	5.3	4.1	3.8

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.



Farm Labor Definitions

Hired Workers Total 778 Thousand, U.S. Wage at \$10.77

Hired Worker: Anyone, other than an agricultural service worker, who was paid for at least one hour of agricultural work on a farm or ranch. Worker type is determined by what the employee was primarily hired to do, not necessarily what work was done during the survey week. Type of workers include:

Field Workers: Employees engaged in planting, tending, and harvesting crops including operation of farm machinery on crop farms.

Livestock Workers: Employees tending livestock, milking cows, or caring for poultry, including operation of farm machinery on livestock or poultry operations.

Supervisors: Hired managers, range foremen, crew leaders, etc.

Other Workers: Employees engaged in agricultural work not included in the other three categories. Bookkeepers and pilots are examples.

There were 778,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 6-12, 2008. Of these hired workers, 599,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 179,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.77 per hour during the January 2008 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$9.64 per hour, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate was \$9.87 per hour. The number of hours worked averaged 38.4 hours for hired workers during the survey week.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of January, 2007¹ and January 6-12, 2008²

United States and region	Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers	
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock		
		150 days or more	149 days or less						
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	
Pacific ³	2007								
	2008	42	33	9	35.7	9.94	11.68	10.14	11.25
Mountain I ⁴	2007								
	2008	19	17	2	40.0	9.62	9.98	9.90	10.40
California	2007								
	2008	137	119	18	40.7	10.10	10.70	10.25	11.37
United States ⁵	2007								
	2008	599	511	88	38.4	9.64	10.19	9.87	10.77

¹ Due to Agency budget constraints, the January 2007 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted. Since the data in all Farm Labor Surveys are tied to a specific reference week, it was not possible to conduct this survey at a later time. Therefore, year-to-year comparisons are not available in this report.

² Excludes agricultural service workers.

³ Includes Oregon and Washington.

⁴ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁵ Excludes Alaska.

Chickens and eggs: Inventory, value and production, Oregon and United States, 2006-2007¹

Year	December 1			Dec. 1, previous year thru Nov 30		
	Number	Value per head	Total value	Avg. number of layers	Eggs per layer	Total egg production
	Oregon					
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>
2006	3,383	2.30	7,781	2,710	285	772
2007	3,179	2.10	6,676	2,506	290	726
	United States					
2006	454,422	2.61	1,184,728	347,880	263	91,328
2007	454,902	2.95	1,343,884	344,385	263	90,581

¹ Excludes commercial broilers.

Oregon Honey Production Down in 2007

Oregon honey production decreased 14 percent in 2007. The production decrease can be attributed to a reduction in the number of colonies and a lower yield. The average price of Oregon produced honey, at \$1.21 per pound, is up fifteen cents from 2006. The number of honey producing colonies decreased in many US states, but the increases in North and South Dakota were enough to boost the 2007 total above last year. The national honey yield was down 3.9 pounds per colony in 2007, and the national honey price was down less than one cent per pound.

Honey: Number of colonies, production and value, selected states, 2006-2007¹

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound ²	
	2006 ³	2007	2006 ³	2007	2006 ³	2007	2006 ³	2007
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Oregon	46	44	48	43	2,208	1,892	106	121
California	380	340	52	40	19,760	13,600	99	104
Idaho	95	92	44	41	4,180	3,772	100	108
Washington	49	46	52	44	2,548	2,024	125	125
United States	2,393	2,442	64.7	60.8	154,907	148,482	103.6	103.2

¹ For producers with five or more colonies.

² Prices weighted by sales.

³ Revised.

Trout: Number of operations and value of fish, selected states, and United States 2006-2007

State	Number of operations						Value of sales and distribution			
	Total		Selling trout		Distributing trout ¹		Total fish sales		Value of distributed fish	
	2006 ²	2007	2006 ²	2007	2006 ²	2007	2006 ²	2007	2006 ²	2007
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
OR³	42	45	13	16	31	30	331	967	7,393	4,028
CA ³	34	34	14	15	24	25	5,573	5,956	10,845	11,573
ID ³	43	46	26	26	21	21	41,434	46,690	3,571	6,995
WA ³	96	96	12	12	84	84	4,007	5,015	6,698	7,828
US ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,665	87,546	86,798	100,504
US ⁵	765	747	412	390	435	433	*	95,007	88,548	102,445

¹ Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes. ² Revised. ³ State data excludes the value of eggs. ⁴ Excludes the value of eggs. ⁵ Includes the value of eggs. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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