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Farms and Land in Farms

In 2008, farms in Oregon were estimated at 38,600, the same level as in 2007. 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 stayed steady at 16.4 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 2008 is estimated at 2.2 million, 0.2 percent fewer than in 2007. Total land in farms, at 919.9 million acres, decreased 1.56 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2007. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged 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, 1994-2008 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>
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	2,089	932,430	446
2007	38.6	16,400	425	2,205	921,460	418
2008	38.6	16,400	425	2,200	919,900	418

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.

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

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Field crops							
Wheat, all	Bu	13.00	6.42	5.41	10.10	6.21	5.73
Wheat, winter	Bu	12.40	6.36	5.30	9.17	5.73	5.20
Wheat, spring	Bu	15.80	6.81	5.90	11.20	7.03	6.51
Barley	Bu	5.84	3.05	2.80	4.38	5.29	5.37
Oats	Bu	*	*	*	3.19	2.74	2.27
Hay, all (baled) ²	Ton	175.00	186.00	171.00	129.00	136.00	132.00
Hay, alfalfa (baled) ²	Ton	169.00	186.00	167.00	138.00	149.00	143.00
Hay, other (baled) ²	Ton	184.00	186.00	184.00	113.00	110.00	107.00
Potatoes	Cwt	8.25	10.70	9.55	7.51	9.40	8.94
Vegetables and fruits ¹							
Onions, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	3.15	9.05	8.27
Sweet corn, fresh ³	Cwt	-	-	-	23.00	24.90	43.00
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	552.00	530.00	450.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.348	0.276	0.242
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	131.00	113.00	129.00
Livestock and livestock products							
Cows ⁴	Cwt	46.00	41.00	41.00	51.70	42.30	44.30
Steers and heifers	Cwt	90.80	83.00	80.00	94.30	85.80	85.40
Beef cattle ⁵	Cwt	77.40	74.60	72.20	89.00	80.10	80.20
Calves	Cwt	110.00	93.00	97.00	120.00	106.00	105.00
Lambs ⁶	Cwt	96.00	98.00	-	96.50	101.00	-
Sheep ⁶	Cwt	36.00	46.00	-	29.90	31.40	-
Milk, all ⁷	Cwt	18.30	14.40	12.50	19.10	13.30	11.50
Fat test percent	Pct	3.74	3.77	3.74	3.77	3.78	3.75
Eggs, all ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	1.310	1.030	0.809
Eggs, market ^{1 2}	Doz	-	-	-	1.220	0.896	0.639

* 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 2008	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009
United States				
Prices received	925	805	146	127
Prices paid	2,280	2,302	171	173
Ratio ¹	-	-	85	73
Parity Ratio ²	41	35	-	-
Oregon				
Commodity group				
All farm products	846	795	141	134
All crops	819	805	146	143
Livestock ³	932	763	127	104

Feed price ratios: United States, February 2009

Feed price ratio ^{1 2}	2008	2009	
	Feb	Jan *	Feb
Broiler Feed	3.6	4.2	4.3
Market egg feed	11.1	9.0	6.7
Hog-corn	9.3	9.8	10.5
Milk-feed	2.24	1.59	1.44
Steer and heifer-corn	20.8	19.7	20.7
Turkey-feed	3.6	4.1	4.5

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.



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 Includes livestock and livestock products.

Farm Labor

There were 785,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2009, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 595,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 190,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.93 per hour during the January 2009 reference week, up 12 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.96 per hour, up 29 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.18 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of January 6-12, 2008 and January 11-17, 2009 ¹

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 ²	2008	42	33	9	35.7	9.94	11.68	10.14	11.25
	2009	52	39	13	37.8	10.35	9.48	10.25	11.40
Mountain I ³	2008	19	17	2	40.0	9.62	9.98	9.90	10.40
	2009	15	13	2	40.0	11.49	10.65	10.85	11.50
California	2008	132	114	18	40.7	10.20	10.70	10.32	11.56
	2009	132	112	20	41.3	9.81	10.95	10.10	11.16
United States ⁴	2008	594	506	88	38.4	9.67	10.18	9.88	10.81
	2009	595	497	98	38.3	9.96	10.27	10.08	10.93

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

Chickens and eggs: Inventory, value and production, Oregon and United States, 2007-2008 ¹

Year	December 1 ²			Dec. 1, previous year through 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>
2007	3,134	2.10	6,581	2,505	290	725
2008	2,957	2.00	5,914	2,568	300	769
	United States					
2007	458,593	2.95	1,351,549	346,498	263	91,101
2008	446,072	3.38	1,506,573	339,572	266	90,151

¹ Excludes commercial broilers.

² Includes layers, pullets, and other chickens.



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Oregon Honey Production up in 2008



Oregon honey production increased 9 percent in 2008. The production increase was attributed to an increase in the number of honey producing colonies; the yield per colony was unchanged from 2007. The average price of Oregon produced honey, at \$1.48 per pound, is up 17 cents from 2007.

In 2008, the number of honey producing colonies decreased 6 percent at the US level, mainly due to decreases in Florida, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Yield per colony was up 15 percent nationally, leading to an overall production increase of 8 percent. The average price per pound of all US produced honey rose 33.3 cents nationally.

Honey: Number of colonies, production and value, selected states, 2007-2008 ¹

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound ²	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	50	43	43	1,978	2,150	131	148
California	340	360	40	51	13,600	18,360	104	141
Idaho	92	90	41	40	3,772	3,600	115	142
Washington	46	41	44	44	2,024	1,804	125	150
United States	2,443	2,301	60.7	69.9	148,341	160,861	107.7	141.0

¹ For producers with five or more colonies.

² Prices weighted by sales.

Complete report available at: <<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/Hone/>>

Trout: Number of operations and value of fish, selected states, and United States 2007-2008

State	Number of operations						Value of sales and distribution			
	Total		Selling trout		Distributing trout ¹		Total fish sales		Value of distributed fish	
	2007 ²	2008 ³	2007 ²	2008 ³	2007 ²	2008 ³	2007 ²	2008	2007 ²	2008
	<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>
OR	57		20		38		1,114	952	4,664	4,252
CA	43		19		32		5,985	8,318	11,711	15,268
ID	52		29		24		46,631	35,321	6,939	7,271
WA	113		14		99		5,329	5,805	9,064	9,154
US ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	87,856	79,709	112,567	102,593
US ⁵	1,124	1,018	525	463	638	584	95,476	86,356	115,180	*

¹ Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes. ² Revised. ³ State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of agriculture. ⁴ Excludes the value of eggs. ⁵ Includes the value of eggs. Complete report available at:

<<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/TrouProd/>> * Beginning in 2008, total value of distributed fish will no longer be published.

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