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2023 FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

Charleston, West Virginia – The number of farms in West Virginia totaled 22,800 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. The total land in farms was 3.50 million acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size was 154 acres, unchanged from 2022.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000 - \$9,999** economic sales class totaled 15,700 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.50 million acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size for this sales class was 96 acres, unchanged from 2022.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$10,000 - \$99,999** economic sales class totaled 6,200 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.40 million acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size for this sales class was 226 acres, unchanged from 2022.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$100,000 - \$249,999** economic sales class totaled 380 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 200,000 acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size for this sales class was 526 acres, unchanged from 2022.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$250,000 - \$499,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 100,000 acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size for this sales class was 667 acres, unchanged from 2022.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$500,000 - \$999,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 100,000 acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size for this sales class was 667 acres, unchanged from 2022.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000,000** or more economic sales class totaled 220 in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 200,000 acres, unchanged from 2022. The average farm size for this sales class was 909 acres, unchanged from 2022.

Note: Estimates for 2022 were revised following the Census of Agriculture and reflect data published in the Farm and Land in Farms Final Estimate released on February 13, 2024.

United States – The number of farms in the United States for 2023 is estimated at 1,894,950, down 5,700 farms from 2022. The number of farms decreased in all sales classes except the \$1,000,000 or more sales class. In 2023, 48.3 percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 79.0 percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2023, 9.7 percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 878,560,000 acres, decreased 1,100,000 acres from 2022. The biggest change for 2023 is that producers in Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more operated 14,160,000 more acres than in 2022. In 2023, 26.2 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 49.8 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more. **The average farm size** for 2023 is 464 acres, up from 463 acres the previous year.