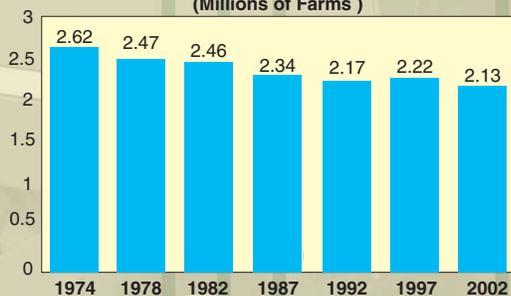


# First Look at the 2002 Census of Agriculture

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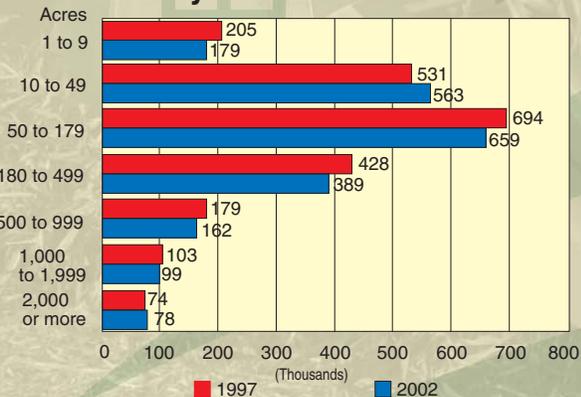
A farm is defined as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the reference year.

**Count of Farms: 1974 - 2002**  
(Millions of Farms)

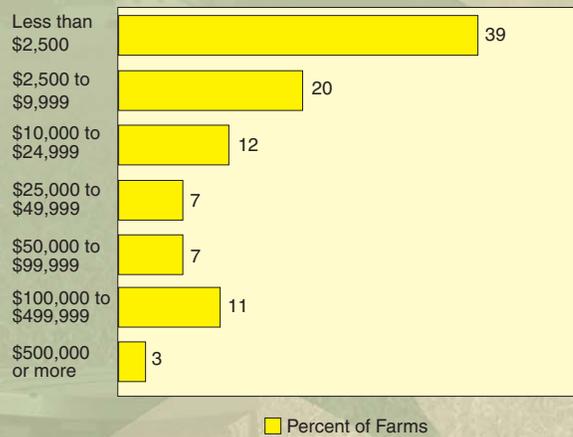


Farm counts include measures for missed and misclassified farms.

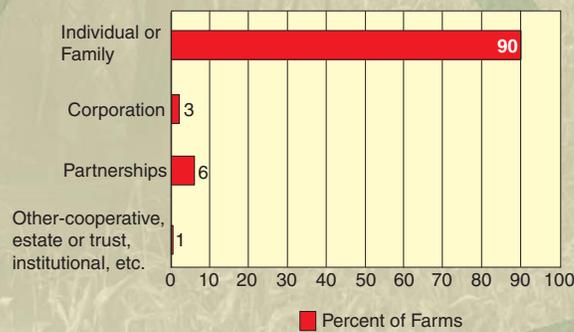
**Farms by Size: 1997 & 2002**



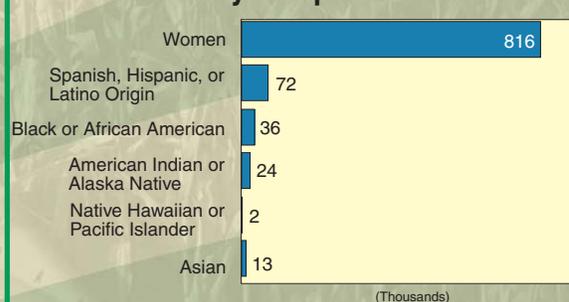
**Distribution of Farms by Size: 2002**



**Type of Organization: 2002**



**Diversity of Operators: 2002**



(Note: The census collected data on up to 3 operators per farm. These counts include all operators reported.)