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The overall value of agricultural production and income increased between 2017 and 2022. Increases remained concentrated by farm size, location, and industry. The number of large farms increased in 2022, according to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, while the number of mid-size and small farms declined. The largest operations and a small number of states accounted for the majority of agricultural production and sales. Five commodities accounted for two thirds of the value of agricultural production.

- 1.9 million farms 
- \$543.1 billion in agricultural products 
- 880.1 million acres 

Value of Production

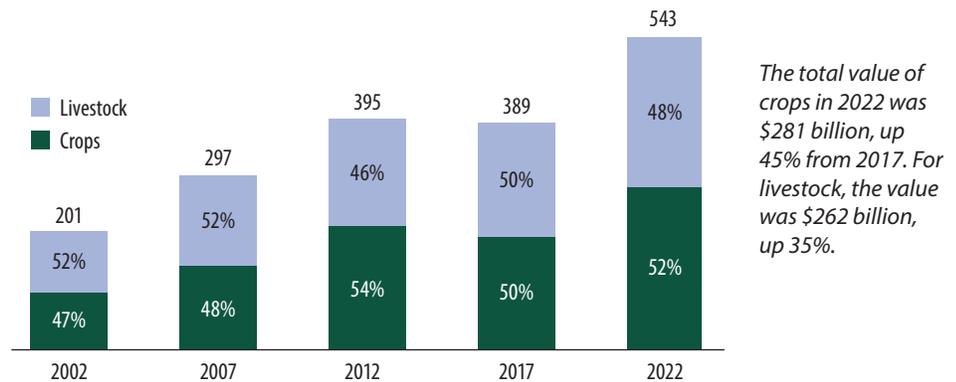
In 2022, U.S. farms and ranches produced \$543.1 billion in agricultural products, up from \$388.5 billion in 2017. Crop and livestock commodities each accounted for approximately half of the total, with crops accounting for 52% of the value. In 2022, the value of crop sales exceeded livestock sales.

The total number of farms declined between 2017 and 2022, from 2.04 million to 1.90 million.

Sales Class	% of farms	% of sales
\$5,000,000 +	1	42
\$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999	5	36
\$250,000 - \$999,999	8	15
\$50,000 - \$249,999	12	5
< \$50,000	74	2

The largest farms (sales of \$5 million or more) accounted for fewer than 1% of all farms but 42% of all sales. Farms with sales of \$50,000 or less accounted for 74% of farms and 2% of sales.

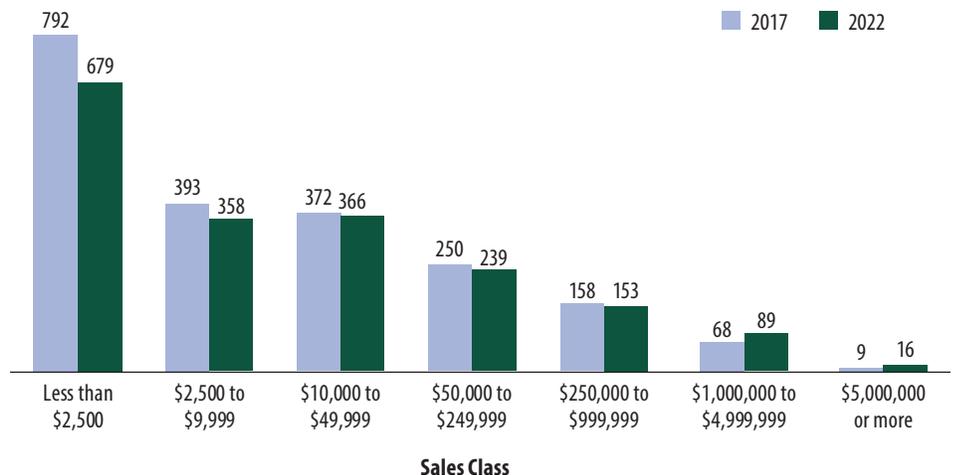
Value of Production, 2002-2022 (\$ billions)



The total value of crops in 2022 was \$281 billion, up 45% from 2017. For livestock, the value was \$262 billion, up 35%.

The number of small and mid-sized farms declined between 2017 and 2022. Large (sales \$1-5 million) and very large farms (sales of \$5 million or more) increased in number. The 105,384 farms in the top two categories (sales of \$1 million or more) are fewer than 6% of U.S. farms; they sold more than three fourths of all agricultural products.

Number of Farms, by Size of Farm, 2017 and 2022 (thousands)

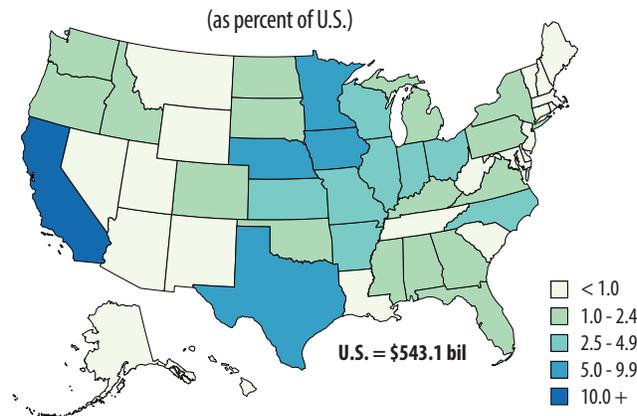


U.S. Production by State

The top 10 states accounted for 55% of sales in 2022. As in 2017, California was the largest provider of agricultural products, with sales of \$59 billion, 11% of the U.S. total.

The top nine U.S. counties are in California, and the top county, Fresno, had larger agriculture sales than 23 individual states.

Agriculture Sales by State, 2022



Top States	(\$ bil)
California	59.0
Iowa	43.9
Texas	32.2
Nebraska	29.4
Minnesota	28.5
Illinois	26.4
Kansas	24.0
North Carolina	18.7
Indiana	18.0
Wisconsin	16.7

Top Commodities

Cattle and calves was the top ranked commodity, with \$89.4 billion in sales. Texas was the top state in cattle and calves sales, accounting for 17% of the U.S. total.

The top five commodities accounted for \$363 billion in sales, 67% of U.S. total agriculture sales.

Top Commodities, 2022

	(\$ billion)	Top State	% of U.S.
Cattle and calves	89.4	Texas	17
Corn	88.5	Iowa	18
Poultry and eggs	76.5	North Carolina	12
Soybeans	55.4	Illinois	15
Milk	52.8	California	18

Income and Expenses

Farm income includes not just sales but also government payments and earnings from farm-related activities. With these items included, total U.S. farm income in 2022 was \$576 billion. With farm production expenses of \$424 billion, U.S. farms had net cash income of \$152 billion.

At the farm level, average income in 2022 was \$79,790, up 85% or almost double from 2017.

	All U.S. Farms		Production Expenses (\$ bil)	
	(\$ bil)	% change since 2017		
Income				
Value of ag products sold	543.1	+40	Feed	88.4
Government payments	10.4	+17	Livestock purchased	51.4
Farm-related income	22.3	+32	Hired labor	41.8
Production expenses	424.1	+30	Fertilizer	36.1
Net income	151.6	+72	Cash rents	27.3
			Supplies and repairs	25.9
			Seeds	25.6
			Chemicals	23.6
			Fuels	18.4
			Interest	13.4
			Other	72.2

About the Census

The Census of Agriculture, conducted once every five years, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Results from the 2022 Census, as well as previous censuses, are available online at national, state, and county levels.

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www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

Farms with Internet Access, by County, 2022

