

Understanding U.S. Agriculture

The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)



USDA is gathering data from farm operators like you. The data collected will inform ag producers, USDA, and the public on the financial condition, production practices, and resource use of America's farms and ranches. The results are useful in comparing your farm with others and for understanding the overall well-being of U.S. agriculture.

The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) is conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Economic Research Service (ERS) along with your state department of agriculture. Here are some results from previous ARMS surveys that help us understand these aspects of American agriculture:

Farm financial assistance

34% of all farms reported receiving some type of government payment in 2021, a decline from 40% in 2020.



Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

Economic Disaster Injury Loan (EIDL)

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP)

Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP)

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

Production practices



Use of variable rate technology (VRT) on soybean crops rose by 25.3% in 2018.



Costs

Peanut production costs and returns - excluding Government payments - increased by almost \$55 dollars per planted acre in 2022.



Conservation

Rye and winter wheat are the most common cover crops used before planting corn, soybean, and cotton.



Farm types

In 2022, 98% of U.S. farms were family farms, which accounted for 83% of farm production.

Please Respond

Please help USDA tell the story of U.S. agriculture by completing the ARMS questionnaire today. Respond online at accounts.usda.gov or fill out the paper questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope provided. Responding online is fast and secure. The data of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.



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