

# Asian Producers

Number of producers increased 8% since 2017; acreage up 15%




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In 2022, the United States had 27,444 producers who identified as Asian, either alone or in combination with another race. They accounted for 0.8% of the country's 3.4 million producers and almost 40% were in California and Hawaii. Asian producers were younger and more likely to have recently started farming than U.S. producers overall. Asian-operated farms accounted for 2% of total U.S. agriculture sales. Nearly half of those farms specialized in production of specialty crops.

**27,444**  
producers 

**3 million**  
acres 

**\$12 billion**  
agriculture sales 

## Number and Location

In 2022, the census counted 27,444 Asian producers involved in decision making for 19,492 farms and ranches in the United States. Overall, the number of all U.S. producers decreased 0.8%, while Asian producers increased 8% from the previous ag census. The number of Asian-operated farms increased 6% between 2017 and 2022.

The top 10 states accounted for 71% of Asian producers and 48% of Asian-operated farms. In California, Asian producers accounted for 5% of the state's total producers. In Hawaii, 35% of all producers identified as Asian. Of the total number of Asian-operated farms (19,492), California had 4,226, followed by Hawaii with 2,721 farms.

### Number of Producers and Farms, Asian and All U.S.

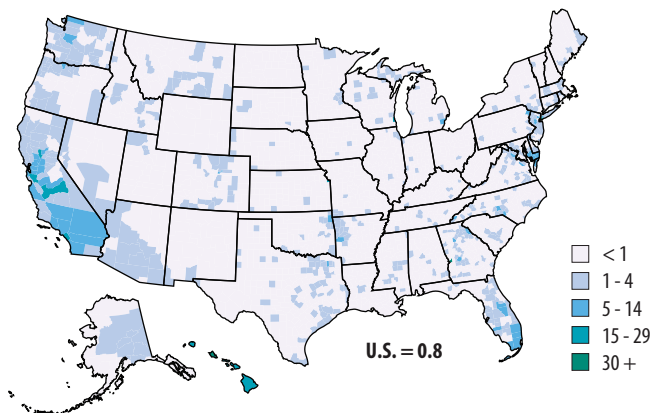
	2017	2022	% change
<b>Producers</b>			
Asian	25,310	27,444	8.4
All U.S.	3,399,834	3,374,044	-0.8
<b>Farms</b>			
Asian-operated	18,338	19,492	6.3
All U.S.	2,042,220	1,900,487	-6.9

### Top States Asian Producers, 2022

California	6,424
Hawaii	4,087
Texas	2,864
Florida	1,533
Washington	1,170
Oklahoma	803
Oregon	747
Arkansas	671
Georgia	624
Missouri	604

**38** The percent of total Asian producers who lived and farmed in California and Hawaii.

### Asian-operated Farms as Percent of Total Farms, by County, 2022



The counties with more than 200 Asian-operated farms were all in Hawaii or California. The top three were: Hawaii County, Hawaii (1,042 farms), Fresno County, California (696 farms), and Honolulu County, Hawaii (560 farms).

	2017	2022	% change
<b>Owned</b>			
Farms	16,106	17,452	8.4
Acres	2,037,250	2,319,380	13.8
<b>Rented</b>			
Farms	4,052	3,850	-5.0
Acres	894,115	1,040,104	16.3
<b>Total acres</b>	<b>2,931,365</b>	<b>3,359,484</b>	<b>14.6</b>

Note: Based on 16,072 farms with producers who identified themselves as Asian alone.

## SNAPSHOT Asian Producers, 2022

Number = 27,444\*

	Asian (percent)	All U.S.
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	54	64
Female	46	36
<b>Age</b>		
<35	11	9
35 - 64	61	53
65+	28	38
<b>Years farming</b>		
10 or less	47	30
11 or more	53	70
<b>Lived on their farm</b>	61	70
<b>Worked off farm</b>		
No days	32	38
1 to 199 days	30	22
200+ days	39	40
<b>Primary occupation</b>		
Farming	47	42
Other	53	58
<b>With military service</b>	6	9
<b>Hispanic</b>	5	3
<b>Average age (years)</b>	54.6	58.1

\*Of the total, 22,788 identified themselves as Asian alone, and 4,656 as Asian in combination with another race. Data collected for up to four producers per farm.

## 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 and earlier censuses are available at national, state, and county levels.

See the searchable database Quick Stats, downloadable PDF reports, maps, and a variety of topic-specific products.

[www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](http://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus)

## Producer Characteristics

A higher proportion of Asian producers than U.S. producers overall were female (46% of Asian producers versus 36% of all U.S. producers). Asian producers were younger on average (54.9 years compared with 58.1 for all U.S. producers), and more likely to be a beginning farmer. Forty-seven percent had farmed 10 or fewer years, compared with 30% of U.S. producers overall.

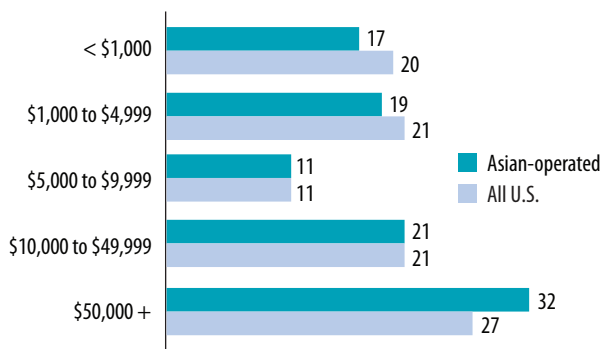
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The percent of Asian producers who were beginning farmers.

## Farm Characteristics

Asian-operated farms sold \$12 billion in agricultural products in 2022, with 47% (\$5.7 billion) in crop sales and 53% (\$6.3 billion) in sales of livestock and livestock products. These farms accounted for 2% of all U.S. agriculture sales. They received \$80 million in government payments in 2022.

Asian-operated and All U.S. Farms by Economic Class, 2022 (percent)  
(sales and government payments combined)



Thirty-six percent of Asian-operated farms had sales and government payments of less than \$5,000. Thirty-two percent had sales and government payments of \$50,000 or more, compared with 27% of all farms.

## Farms and Land

Asian-operated farms accounted for 3 million acres of farmland, 0.4% of the U.S. total. Two-thirds (66%) were less than 50 acres in size. The average size of Asian-operated farms was 172 acres.

Farm Size in Acres	Asian-operated (percent of total)	All U.S.
1 to 9	30	12
10 to 49	36	30
50 to 179	21	28
180 to 499	7	15
500 +	5	15

Eighty percent of Asian-operated farms were operated by farmers who owned all the land they operated, 9% by farmers who were part owners (own some land and rent some land), and 11% by farmers who rented all land operated.

## Farm Specialization<sup>a</sup>

Nearly half (47%) of Asian-operated farms specialized in production of specialty crops, compared with 10% of U.S. farms overall.

	% of farms
Oilseeds and grains	4
Specialty crops	47
Vegetables and melons	11
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	26
Greenhouse, nursery, floriculture	10
Other crops	12
Cattle and dairy	13
Hogs and pigs	1
Poultry and eggs	11
Sheep and goats	4
Other animals	7

5,110

The number of Asian-operated farms that specialized in fruit, tree nut, and berry production.

<sup>a</sup> Refers to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). More than half of a farm's sales come from the commodity.

79 The percent of Asian-operated farms that had internet access.