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Since the last Census of Agriculture in 2018 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the amount of land in farms, the value of agricultural products sold, and the number of farms increased. Both the number of small farms and the number of larger farms increased.

What is a “farm”? The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Census of Agriculture defines a farm as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.

316 farms



2,833 acres



9 acres average farm size



Farms and Land

In 2023, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands had 316 farms, an increase of 63 farms since 2018. These farms accounted for 2,833 acres of farmland, or 2.4% of all land in the Northern Mariana Islands. This was an increase of 1,318 acres (87%) from the 2018 level. During the same time, the average farm size increased 50%, from 6 acres in 2018 to 9 acres in 2023.

Farm Counts by Size

	2018	2023
Less than 1 acre	72	76
1 – 1.9 acres	30	50
2 – 3.9 acres	61	80
4 – 7.9 acres	45	48
8 – 9.9 acres	5	6
10 – 19.9 acres	18	15
20 – 39.9 acres	15	26
40 – 49.9 acres	2	2
50 acres or more	5	13

Sixty-five percent of farms in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands are small, less than 4 acres.

For more information about the Census of Agriculture, visit nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

Farms and Farmland, 2018 and 2023

	2018	2023	% change
Number of farms	253	316	25
Land in farms (acres)	1,515	2,833	87
Average farm size (acres)	6	9	50

Commodity Group by Value of Sales (dollars)

	2018	2023
Vegetables and melons	638,609	1,260,410
Livestock and livestock products	134,175	459,565
Root crops	(D)	413,715
Fruits and nuts	(D)	343,875
Nursery crops and hemp	186,390	114,690
Poultry and poultry products	214,201	20,248
Fish and other aquaculture	(D)	-
Total	1,580,081	2,759,096

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Top Commodities by Number of Farms, 2023

	No. of Farms
Cattle and calves	112
Bananas	107
Hogs	95
Lemons and limes	91
Tangerines	78
Betelnuts	70
Eggplant	62
Papayas	61
Mangoes	60
Hot peppers	60
Soursops	60

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Northern Mariana Islands Farmers, 2023

(percent)

Sex

Male	82
Female	18

Age

<35	5
35-44	11
45-54	22
55-64	34
65+	28

Lived on their farm

41

Years on farm

<10	41
10+	59

Primary occupation

Farming	50
Other	50

Race*

Carolinian	6
Chamarro	68
Chinese	4
Filipino	16
Other Asian	6

*Persons can report more than one race.