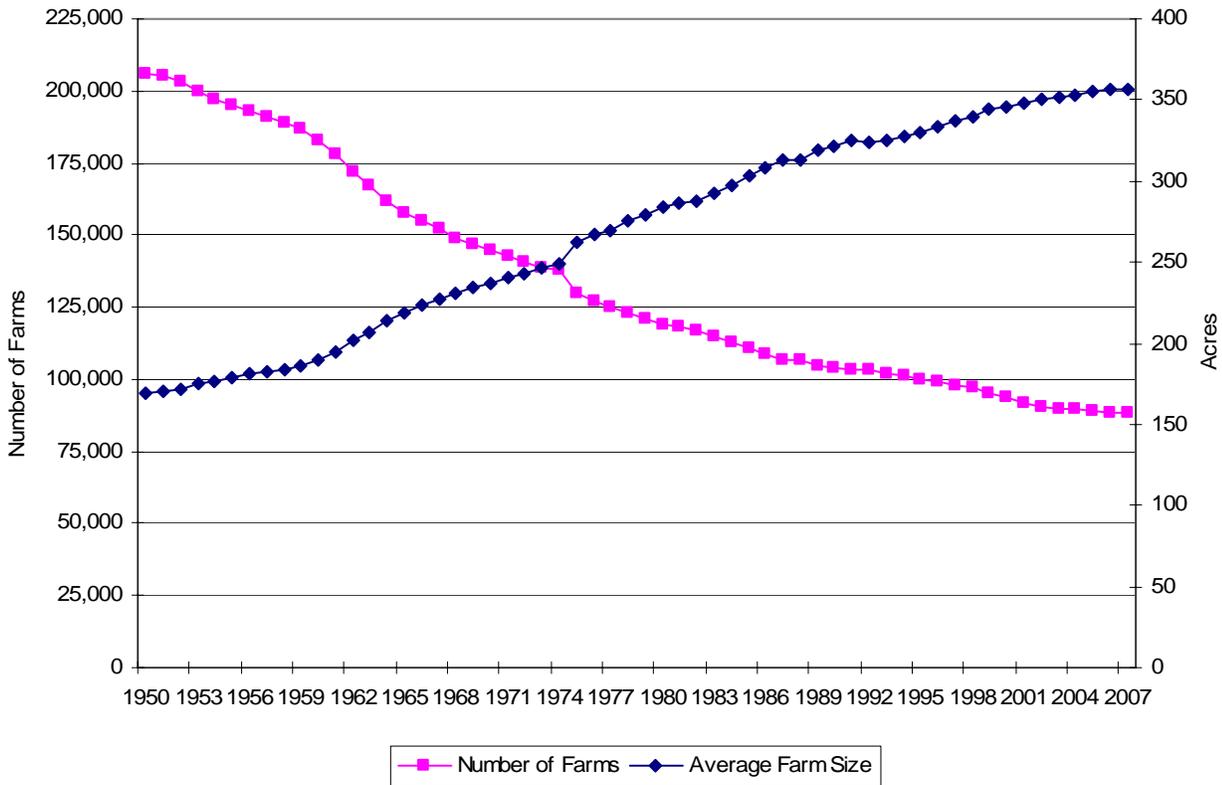


## Number of Iowa Farms and Average Farm Size 1950 – 2007



### Farms: Number, Average Size, and Land in Farms, Iowa

| Year              | Number of Farms<br><i>1,000 farms</i> | Average Size<br><i>Acres</i> | Land in Farms<br><i>Million acres</i> | Year | Number of Farms<br><i>1,000 farms</i> | Average Size<br><i>Acres</i> | Land in Farms<br><i>Million acres</i> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1950              | 206                                   | 169                          | 34.8                                  | 1997 | 98                                    | 337                          | 33.0                                  |
| 1955              | 195                                   | 179                          | 34.9                                  | 1998 | 97                                    | 339                          | 32.9                                  |
| 1960              | 183                                   | 190                          | 34.7                                  | 1999 | 95                                    | 345                          | 32.8                                  |
| 1965              | 158                                   | 219                          | 34.6                                  | 2000 | 94                                    | 346                          | 32.5                                  |
| 1970              | 145                                   | 237                          | 34.4                                  | 2001 | 92                                    | 348                          | 32.0                                  |
| 1975              | 136                                   | 251                          | 34.2                                  | 2002 | 90.6                                  | 351                          | 31.8                                  |
| 1975 <sup>1</sup> | 130                                   | 262                          | 34.1                                  | 2003 | 90                                    | 352                          | 31.7                                  |
| 1980              | 119                                   | 284                          | 33.8                                  | 2004 | 89.7                                  | 353                          | 31.7                                  |
| 1985              | 111                                   | 303                          | 33.6                                  | 2005 | 89                                    | 355                          | 31.6                                  |
| 1990              | 104                                   | 322                          | 33.5                                  | 2006 | 88.6                                  | 356                          | 31.5                                  |
| 1995              | 100                                   | 330                          | 33.0                                  | 2007 | 88.4                                  | 356                          | 31.5                                  |
| 1996              | 99                                    | 333                          | 33.0                                  |      |                                       |                              |                                       |

<sup>1</sup>The "New Definition" of a farm, starting in 1975, includes places which had annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more. This is the same definition used by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, for the 1978 Census of Agriculture. The "Old Definition" of a farm included places of 10 or more acres and had annual sales of \$50 or more and places of less than 10 acres that had annual sales of \$250 or more.