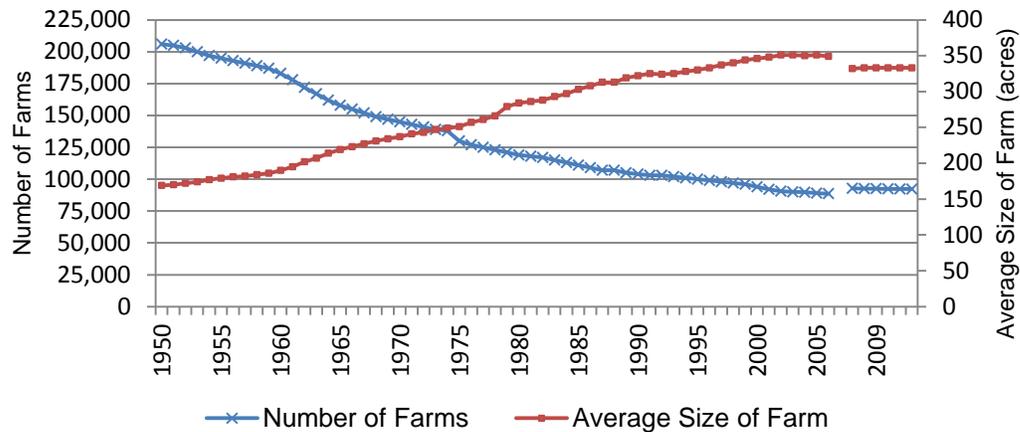


Number of Iowa Farms and Average Farm Size 1950–2012



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

Year	Number of Farms (1,000 farms)	Average Size (acres)	Land in Farms (million acres)
2002	90.6	351	31.8
2008	92.6	333	30.8
2009	92.6	333	30.8
2010	92.4	333	30.8
2011	92.3	333	30.7
2012	92.2	333	30.7

Farms: Number by Economic Sales Class, Iowa

Year	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
2002	28,100	34,200	15,200	8,100	5,000	90,600
2008	30,200	28,500	14,100	9,800	10,000	92,600
2009	30,300	28,400	14,200	9,800	9,900	92,600
2010	30,200	28,500	14,300	9,600	9,800	92,400
2011	30,000	28,400	14,400	9,500	10,000	92,300
2012	29,500	27,200	14,000	10,000	11,500	92,200

Land in Farms: Acreage by Economic Sales Class, Iowa

Year	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	------(1,000 acres)-----					
2002	1,750	7,670	8,470	7,550	6,360	31,800
2008	1,700	4,700	5,400	6,900	12,100	30,800
2009	1,600	4,800	5,400	6,900	12,100	30,800
2010	1,500	4,900	5,500	6,800	12,100	30,800
2011	1,400	4,900	5,400	6,700	12,300	30,700
2012	1,400	4,900	5,300	6,700	12,400	30,700

The definition of a farm is "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year". This definition has remained the same since 1974. Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with the entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), or other government programs are counted as farms.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture showed a significant increase in the number of farms, and reversed the downward trend that was shown in the annual estimates of Farm Numbers since the 2002 Census of Agriculture. NASS believes some of the increase is due to methodological changes allowing NASS to more accurately count small farms in the 2007 Census. The 2007-2012 farm number estimates reflect adjustments in the number of farms based on estimates produced by the 2007 Census of Agriculture.