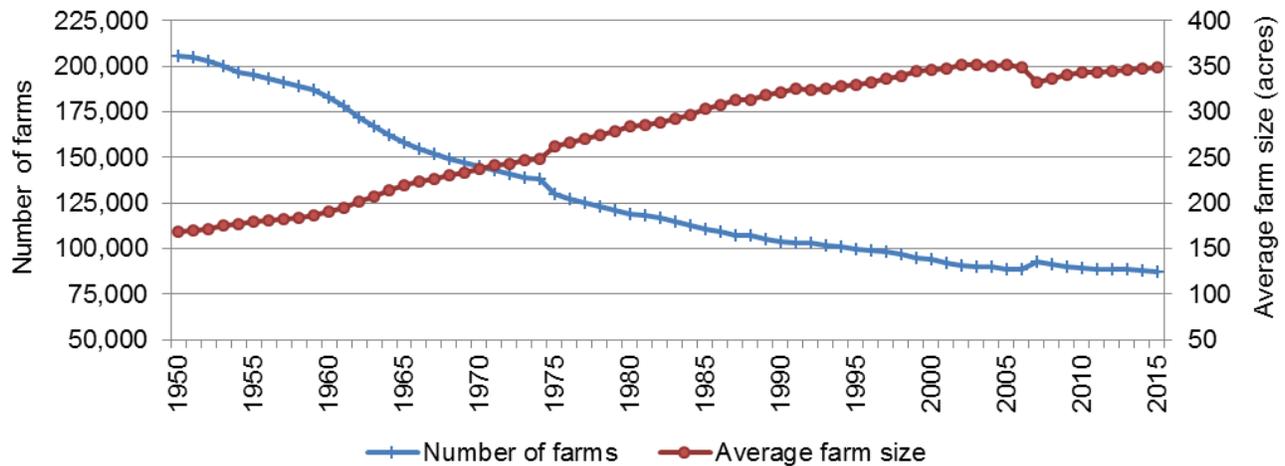


Number of Farms and Average Farm Size – Iowa: 1950-2015



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

Year	Number of farms (1,000 farms)	Average size (acres)	Land in farms (million acres)
2005	89.0	351	31.2
2011	88.9	344	30.6
2012	88.6	345	30.6
2013	88.5	346	30.6
2014	88.0	347	30.5
2015	87.5	349	30.5

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
2005	26,900	33,400	15,100	8,200	5,400	89,000
2011	29,000	25,600	11,200	9,300	13,800	88,900
2012	28,000	23,600	10,200	9,800	17,000	88,600
2013	27,500	23,600	10,300	9,700	17,400	88,500
2014	27,100	23,600	10,400	9,600	17,300	88,000
2015	26,600	23,600	10,400	9,700	17,200	87,500

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)					
2005	1,600	7,100	8,200	7,400	6,900	31,200
2011	1,300	3,900	3,900	5,600	15,900	30,600
2012	1,300	3,100	3,000	5,000	18,200	30,600
2013	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	18,300	30,600
2014	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	18,200	30,500
2015	1,100	3,100	3,000	5,100	18,200	30,500

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.