



# Iowa Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms



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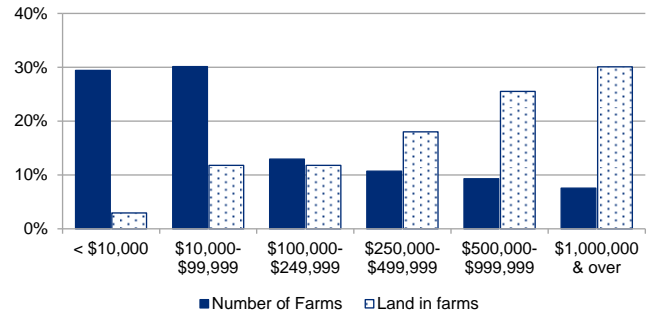
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The total number of farms in Iowa in 2020 was 85,000, down 300 farms from 2019, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2020 Summary* report. Farms in the \$10,000-\$99,999 sales class decreased by 200, while farms in the \$250,000-\$499,999 sales class decreased by 100.

Total land in farms for Iowa during 2020 was 30.6 million acres, unchanged since 2010.

The average farm size in Iowa in 2020 was 360 acres, up 1 acre from 2019. The average farm size for those in the \$250,000-\$499,999 sales class increased 6 acres from 2019.

**Farms and Land in Farms  
Percent by Sales Class - Iowa: 2020**



## Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class – Iowa: 2016-2020

[Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999	\$1,000,000 & over	Total
<b>Number of Farms</b>							
2016 .....	25,400	25,900	10,700	9,100	8,600	6,700	86,400
2017 .....	25,400	26,300	11,100	8,900	8,000	6,400	86,100
2018 .....	25,400	26,200	11,100	8,900	8,000	6,400	86,000
2019 .....	25,000	25,800	11,000	9,200	7,900	6,400	85,300
2020 .....	25,000	25,600	11,000	9,100	7,900	6,400	85,000
<b>Land in Farms, 1,000 acres</b>							
2016 .....	900	3,600	3,400	5,400	8,000	9,300	30,600
2017 .....	900	3,700	3,600	5,500	7,800	9,100	30,600
2018 .....	900	3,700	3,600	5,500	7,800	9,100	30,600
2019 .....	900	3,600	3,600	5,500	7,800	9,200	30,600
2020 .....	900	3,600	3,600	5,500	7,800	9,200	30,600
<b>Average Farm Size, acres</b>							
2016 .....	35	139	318	593	930	1,388	354
2017 .....	35	141	324	618	975	1,422	355
2018 .....	35	141	324	618	975	1,422	356
2019 .....	36	140	327	598	987	1,438	359
2020 .....	36	141	327	604	987	1,438	360

## United States Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in the United States for 2020 is estimated at 2,019,000, down 4,400 farms from 2019. The number of farms in all sales classes declined. In 2020, 51.1% of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 81.5% of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2020, 7.4 % of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Total land in farms, at 896,600,000 acres, decreased 800,000 acres from 2019. The biggest change for 2020 is that producers in Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 operated 550,000 fewer acres than in 2019. In 2020, 30.1% of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 40.8% of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

The average farm size for 2020 is 444 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Average farm size increased in the \$250,000 - \$499,999, \$500,000-\$999,999, and \$1,000,000 or more sales classes and remained unchanged in all others.