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2014 Maryland Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in Maryland for 2014 is estimated at 12,300, down 100 farms from 2013, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. Total land in farms, at 2.0 million acres, is unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 165 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2014 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2013 calendar year.

Maryland Highlights

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 6,600 farms.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 3,500 farms.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 600 farms.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 650 farms.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 400 farms.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 550 farms.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 300 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 400 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 230 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 250 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 270 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 580 thousand acres.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 45 acres
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 114 acres
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 383 acres
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 385 acres
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 675 acres
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,055 acres

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-19-2015.pdf>

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