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## 2015 Maryland Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in Maryland for 2015 is estimated at 12,200 farms, down 100 farms from 2014, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. Total land in farms, at 2.02 million acres, is down 10,000 acres from 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 166 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 2015 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2014 calendar year.

### Maryland Highlights

Number of farms by sales class are:

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

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 290 thousand acres, decreased by 10,000 acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 400 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 230 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 250 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 250 thousand acres, decreased by 20,000 acres.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 600 thousand acres, increased by 20,000 acres.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 45 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 114 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 383 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 385 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 625 acres, decreased by 50 acres.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,091 acres, increased by 36 acres.

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.comell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-18-2016.pdf>

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