



Minnesota Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms

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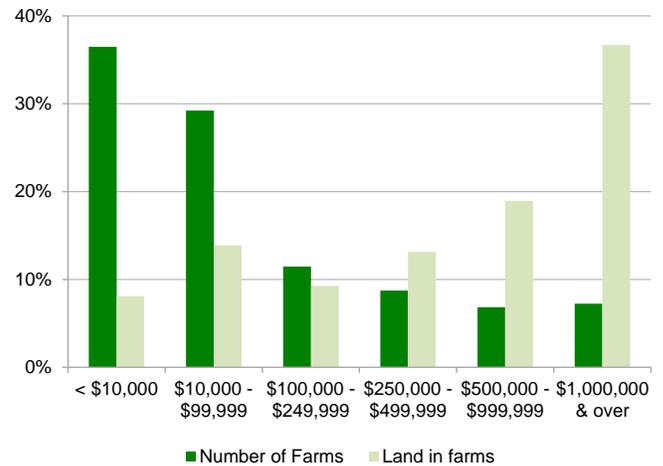
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The total number of farms in Minnesota in 2017 was 73,200, down 100 farms compared with a year ago, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2017 Summary* report. The number of farms in both the \$10,000-\$99,999 and the \$100,000-\$249,999 sales classes decreased by 200 farms.

Total land in farms in Minnesota in 2017 was 25.9 million acres, unchanged since 2013. Farms in both the \$250,000-\$499,999 and the \$1,000,000 and over sales classes showed an increase of 100,000 acres from 2016.

The average farm size in Minnesota in 2017 was 354 acres, up one acre from 2016. The average farm size in the \$500,000-\$999,999 sales class increased 19 acres from 961 acres on average in 2016 to 980 in 2017.

**Farms and Land in Farms
Percent by Sales Class - Minnesota: 2017**



Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class – Minnesota: 2013-2017

[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
Number of Farms							
2013	27,000	22,000	8,400	6,400	5,300	5,300	74,400
2014	26,600	21,900	8,600	6,400	5,300	5,200	74,000
2015	26,500	21,900	8,500	6,300	5,100	5,300	73,600
2016	26,500	21,600	8,600	6,200	5,100	5,300	73,300
2017	26,700	21,400	8,400	6,400	5,000	5,300	73,200
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2013	2,100	3,650	2,550	3,300	4,770	9,530	25,900
2014	2,100	3,700	2,500	3,300	4,800	9,500	25,900
2015	2,100	3,700	2,500	3,300	4,800	9,500	25,900
2016	2,100	3,600	2,600	3,300	4,900	9,400	25,900
2017	2,100	3,600	2,400	3,400	4,900	9,500	25,900
Average Farm Size, acres							
2013	78	166	304	516	900	1,798	348
2014	79	169	291	516	906	1,827	350
2015	79	169	294	524	941	1,792	352
2016	79	167	302	532	961	1,774	353
2017	79	168	286	531	980	1,792	354

United States Farms and Land in Farms

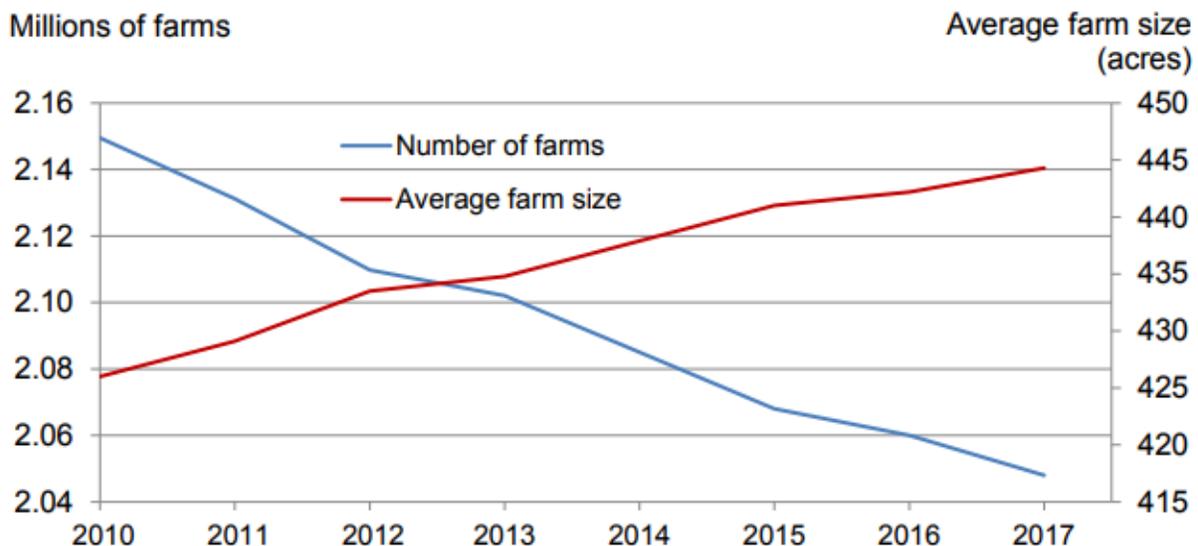
The number of farms in the United States for 2017 is estimated at 2.05 million, down 12 thousand farms from 2016. Total land in farms, at 910 million acres, decreased 1 million acres from 2016. The average farm size for 2017 is 444 acres, up 2 acres from the previous year.

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 2017 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2016 calendar year.

Point Farms are farms that did not have the required minimum \$1,000 in sales for the year to qualify as a farm, but had sufficient crops and livestock to normally have sales of \$1,000 or more. Point Farms are assigned a sales class based on the sum of the agricultural point (dollar) values assigned to the quantity of commodities produced but not sold. The 2012 Census of Agriculture showed that 428,810 farms or 20.3 percent of the 2.11 million farms were Point Farms. These Point Farms operated 63.0 million acres or 6.9 percent of the 914.5 million acres of farmland.

Number of farms declined by 12 thousand from 2016. The number of farms in Sales Classes \$100,000 - \$249,999 and \$1,000,000 or more increased while all other sales classes declined. Fifty percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size – United States: 2010-2017



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.