



Minnesota Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms

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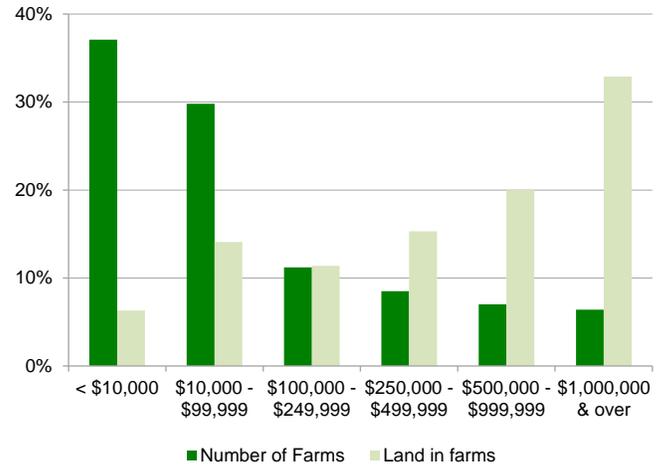
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The total number of farms in Minnesota in 2018 was 68,500, down 300 farms compared with a year ago, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2018 Summary* report. The largest decrease came from the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class which decreased by 200 farms.

Total land in farms in Minnesota in 2018 was 25.5 million acres, unchanged since last year. Farms in the \$250,000-\$499,999 sales class showed an increase of 100,000 acres while farms in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class showed a decrease of 100,000 acres from 2017.

The average farm size in Minnesota in 2018 was 372 acres, up one acre from 2017. The average farm size in the \$250,000-\$499,999 sales class increased 17 acres and the average farm size in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class increased 20 acres on average in 2018.

**Farms and Land in Farms
Percent by Sales Class - Minnesota: 2018**



Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class – Minnesota: 2014-2018

[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							
2014	26,100	21,500	8,300	6,200	5,200	4,900	72,200
2015	25,800	21,400	8,000	5,900	5,000	4,800	70,900
2016	25,600	20,900	8,000	5,700	4,900	4,700	69,800
2017	25,600	20,400	7,700	5,800	4,800	4,500	68,800
2018	25,400	20,400	7,700	5,800	4,800	4,400	68,500
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2014	1,900	3,700	2,700	3,400	4,900	9,100	25,700
2015	1,800	3,700	2,800	3,500	5,000	8,900	25,700
2016	1,700	3,600	3,000	3,600	5,100	8,600	25,600
2017	1,600	3,600	2,900	3,800	5,100	8,500	25,500
2018	1,600	3,600	2,900	3,900	5,100	8,400	25,500
Average Farm Size, acres							
2014	73	172	325	548	942	1,857	356
2015	70	173	350	593	1,000	1,854	362
2016	66	172	375	632	1,041	1,830	367
2017	63	176	377	655	1,063	1,889	371
2018	63	176	377	672	1,063	1,909	372

United States Farms and Land in Farms

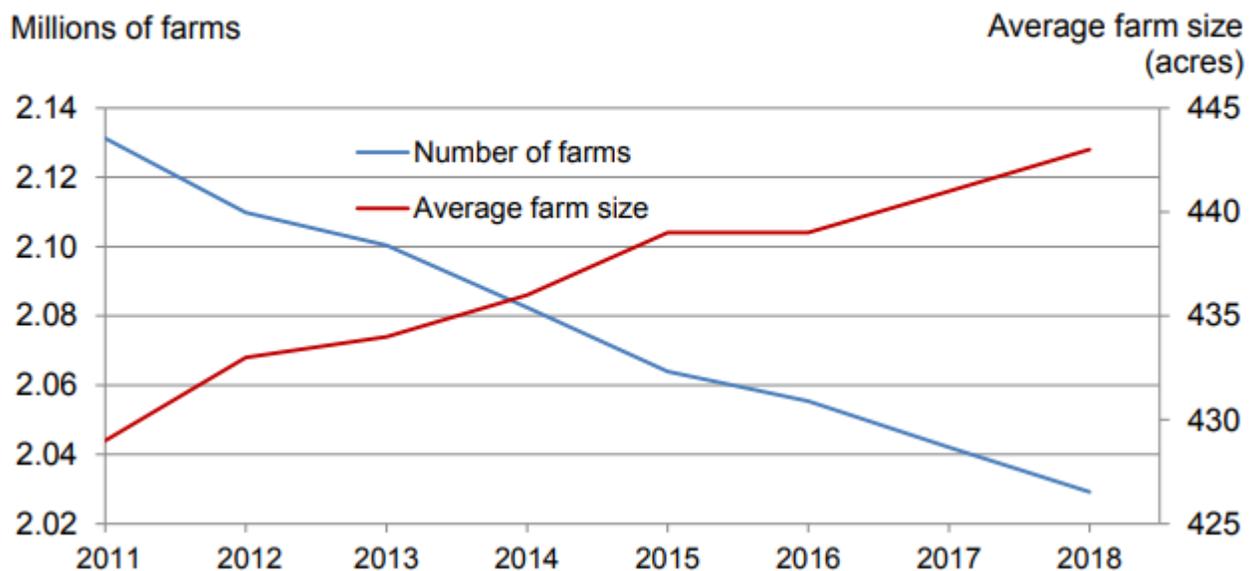
The number of farms in the United States for 2018 is estimated at 2,029,200, down 12,800 farms from 2017. Total land in farms, at 899,500,000 acres, decreased 870,000 acres from 2017. The average farm size for 2018 is 443 acres, up 2 acres from the previous year.

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 2018 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2017 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 2017 Census of Agriculture showed that 471,593 farms or 23.1 percent of the 2.04 million farms were Point Farms. These Point Farms operated 59.2 million acres or 6.6 percent of the 900.2 million acres of farmland.

Number of farms declined by 12,800 from 2017. The number of farms in Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 increased while all other sales classes declined. Fifty-one percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty-two percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Seven percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size – United States: 2011-2018



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