



# Minnesota Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms



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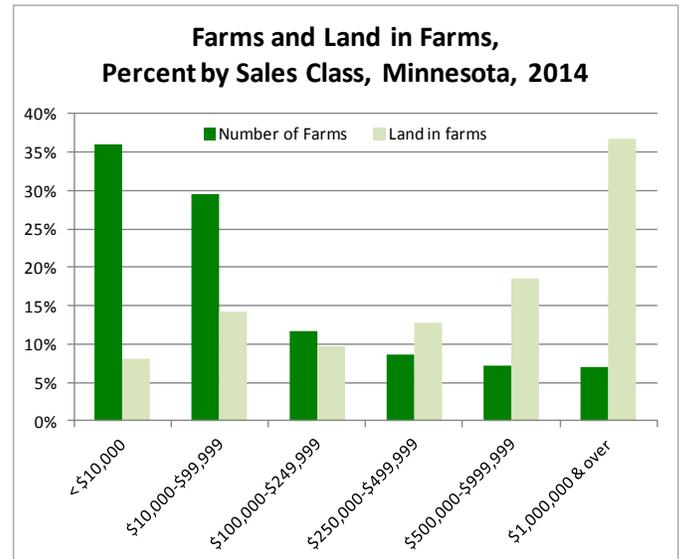
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The total number of farms in Minnesota in 2014 was 74,000, down 400 farms compared to a year ago, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Upper Midwest Regional Office. The largest decrease in number of farms came in the \$1,000-\$9,999 range with a decrease of 400 farms from 27,000 in 2013 to 26,600 in 2014.

Total land in farms in Minnesota in 2014 was 25.9 million acres, unchanged from 2013. Farms in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class showed a decrease of 30,000 acres from a year ago while farms in the \$500,000-\$999,999 range showed an increase of 30,000 acres.

The average farm size in Minnesota in 2014 was 350 acres, up two acres from 2013. The average farm size in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class increased 29 acres from 1,798 acres on average in 2013 to 1,827 in 2014.



## Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Minnesota: 2010-2014

[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 <sup>1</sup> | \$1,000,000 & over <sup>1</sup> | Total  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>            |                 |                   |                     |                     |                                  |                                 |        |
| 2010 .....                        | 32,000          | 21,900            | 8,500               | 6,500               | 7,900                            | (NA)                            | 76,800 |
| 2011 .....                        | 29,800          | 21,800            | 8,400               | 6,500               | 8,900                            | (NA)                            | 75,400 |
| 2012 .....                        | 27,000          | 22,000            | 8,400               | 6,400               | 10,700                           | (NA)                            | 74,500 |
| 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 |
| <b>Land in Farms, 1,000 acres</b> |                 |                   |                     |                     |                                  |                                 |        |
| 2010 .....                        | 2,700           | 4,300             | 3,300               | 4,200               | 11,800                           | (NA)                            | 26,300 |
| 2011 .....                        | 2,400           | 3,900             | 2,900               | 3,900               | 13,000                           | (NA)                            | 26,100 |
| 2012 .....                        | 2,100           | 3,650             | 2,600               | 3,350               | 14,300                           | (NA)                            | 26,000 |
| 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 |
| <b>Average Farm Size, acres</b>   |                 |                   |                     |                     |                                  |                                 |        |
| 2010 .....                        | 84              | 196               | 388                 | 646                 | 1,494                            | (NA)                            | 342    |
| 2011 .....                        | 81              | 179               | 345                 | 600                 | 1,461                            | (NA)                            | 346    |
| 2012 .....                        | 78              | 166               | 310                 | 523                 | 1,336                            | (NA)                            | 349    |
| 2013 .....                        | 78              | 166               | 304                 | 516                 | 900                              | 1,798                           | 348    |
| 2014 .....                        | 79              | 169               | 291                 | 516                 | 906                              | 1,827                           | 350    |

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Beginning in 2013, the \$500,000-\$999,999 and \$1,000,000 and over categories are published separately. Prior to that, the information was combined in the \$500,000 and over category.

## United States Number of Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in the United States for 2014 is estimated at 2.08 million, down 18 thousand farms from 2013. Total land in farms, at 913 million acres, decreased 1.03 million acres from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 438 acres, up 3 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 2014 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2013 calendar year. Production or commodity price changes in 2013 resulted in the total value for virtually all livestock and livestock products to increase while the value of most crops declined. The value of vegetable, fruit, and tobacco crops increased.

Farm numbers decreased by 18 thousand farms during 2014. The number of farms in Sales Class \$1,000-\$9,999 declined while all other sales classes increased slightly. Fifty-one percent of all farms have sales less than \$10,000. Eighty percent of all farms had sales less than \$100,000. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Land in farms, at 913 million acres, is down one million acres from 2013. The biggest changes for 2014 are that producers with sales below \$10,000 operated 4.3 million fewer acres while those in Sales Class \$500,000-\$999,999 operated 3.71 million more acres. The percentage of all farmland operated by farms in Sales Class \$500,000-\$999,999 is 17 percent, and for one million dollars or more is 24 percent.

