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## USDA releases 2022 Census of Agriculture data down to the county level

**February 13, 2024** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) today announced the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, spanning more than 6 million data points about America’s farms and ranches and the people who operate them, down to the county level. The full Census of Agriculture report as well as publication dates for additional ag census data products can be found at [nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](https://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus). Ag census data can also be found in NASS’s searchable online database, Quick Stats.

“We are pleased to provide updated Census of Agriculture data to all those who serve U.S. agriculture, especially the producers who gave their time to complete the questionnaire. Census of Agriculture data tell a story. This comprehensive snapshot every five years helps data users to see trends and shifts in the industry over time and helps producers do business,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “Overall, though there are always changes across U.S. agriculture, the data remain largely consistent with the previous ag census. Data users will also notice some new data on the topics of hemp, precision agriculture, and internet access.”

Ag census data provide valuable insights into demographics, economics, land use and activities on Missouri farms and ranches such as:

- There were 87,887 farms and ranches in Missouri (down 7.8% from 2017) with an average size of 308 acres (up 5.8% from 2017) on 27 million acres of farmland (down 2.7% from 2017).
- Missouri farms and ranches produced \$14.7 billion in agricultural products, up from \$10.5 billion in 2017. In 2022, farms and ranches received total income of \$15.6 billion. With farm production expenses of \$10.7 billion, Missouri farms had net cash income of \$5.0 billion. Average farm income rose to \$56,606.
- Missouri farms with internet access continued to rise from 72.5% in 2017 to 75.9% in 2022.
- In 2022, 3,215 Missouri farms sold directly to consumers, with sales of \$35 million. Value of sales increased 15% from 2017.
- 5,596 Missouri farms had sales of \$500,000 or more and sold more than \$11.6 billion of all agricultural products in the state. 67,400 Missouri farms had sales of less than \$50,000 and sold \$685 million of all agricultural products in the state.
- The average age of all Missouri producers was 57.9, up from 57.4 in 2017.
- There were 46,312 Missouri farmers with 10 or fewer years of experience, with an average age of 46.1 years.
- The number of Missouri producers under age 35 was 15,092, comprising 9.6% of all producers. The 10,644 Missouri farms with young producers making decisions tend to be smaller than average in acres but produce a higher average total value of production when compared to all Missouri farms.

- In 2022, 57,163 female producers accounted for 36% of all Missouri producers.

The national response rate for the 2022 Census of Agriculture was 61%; more than 40% of responses were submitted online. To address questions about the 2022 Census of Agriculture data, NASS will host a live X Stat Chat ([@usda\\_nass](#)) for the public on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. EST. Ag census data highlight publications are available at [nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights](https://nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights). Additional products, including state and county profiles and congressional district will be released on March 27 and May 15 respectively.

First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census and conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – the Census of Agriculture remains the most comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

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