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## 2015 New York Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in New York for 2015 is estimated at 35,500, unchanged from 2014, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service New York Field Office. Total land in farms, at 7.20 million acres, increased slightly up from 7.18 in 2014. The average farm size for 2015 is 203 acres, which is a 1 acre increase 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.

### New York Highlights

Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 16,700 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 11,600, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 3,300 farms, decreased by 200 farms.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 1,800 farms, increased by 100 farms.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 1,000 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1,100 farms, increased by 100 farms.

Farmland changes by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 1.45 million acres, increased by 50,000 acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 1.80 million acres, increased by 20,000 acres.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 850 thousand acres, decreased by 50,000 acres.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 800 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 650 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1.65 million acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 87 acres, increased by 3 acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 155 acres, increased by 2 acres.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 258 acres, increased by 1 acre.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 444 acres, decreased 27 acres.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 650 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,500 acres, decreased by 150 acres.

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

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