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NORTH DAKOTA FARM NUMBERS LOWER

FARGO, N.D. February 17, 2017 – North Dakota’s number of farms and ranches declined during 2016, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of farms and ranches in the State, at 29,800, was down 200 farms from 2015. Numbers of farms and ranches in North Dakota with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales increased 1,000 farms from a year earlier, while operations with more than \$100,000 were down 1,200 farms from 2015.

Land in farms and ranches in North Dakota totaled 39.1 million acres, down 100,000 acres from 2015. The average size of operation, at 1,312 acres, was up 5 acres from a year earlier.

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