

Farm Computer Usage and Ownership

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The percentage of Pennsylvania farms with computer access in 2009 averaged 55 percent, 3 percentage points below 2007, but unchanged from 2005. The proportion of Pennsylvania farms with internet access in 2009, at 48 percent, was down three points from 2007.

Nationally, 64 percent of farms had access to a computer in 2009, unchanged from 2007 and up 5 percentage points from 2005. Survey data indicated that 59 percent of U.S. farms had internet access in 2009, 2 percentage points above 2007.

Farm Computer Usage: Access, Ownership and Use, by State and United States, 2005, 2007 and 2009

State	Farms											
	With computer access			That own or lease computer			Using computers for farm business			With internet access		
	2005	2007	2009	2005	2007	2009	2005	2007	2009	2005	2007	2009
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
AL	48	55	57	47	54	54	25	24	25	40	50	52
AZ ¹	60	52	45	60	50	39	29	33	15	50	45	40
AR	50	59	65	48	56	61	24	32	32	44	52	56
CA	58	71	69	54	66	68	38	42	44	52	66	66
CO	68	74	74	66	73	73	41	40	44	62	70	68
FL	61	61	71	60	60	61	39	37	38	57	56	65
GA	42	57	54	38	55	52	19	26	23	36	53	50
ID	77	83	80	75	81	79	47	50	42	68	66	68
IL	64	67	66	60	66	64	40	40	44	56	60	61
IN	58	64	68	56	62	65	35	38	42	51	57	61
IA	64	70	69	61	68	67	42	42	47	55	63	62
KS	57	68	69	54	64	67	35	39	42	49	57	64
KY	36	60	57	34	57	54	17	24	26	30	51	48
LA	51	51	53	46	49	51	20	25	26	46	49	46
MD ²	58	64	62	56	63	61	31	36	34	48	61	59
MI	62	64	69	57	58	62	35	34	41	54	59	61
MN	65	71	71	60	66	68	35	38	46	56	62	65
MS	45	51	53	42	47	50	23	22	22	37	44	47
MO	55	56	54	50	53	53	30	29	29	45	52	49
MT	75	72	73	73	70	72	45	45	52	70	63	69
NE	65	69	69	62	67	68	41	44	50	52	63	62
NH ³	78	78	83	76	75	78	52	50	47	65	67	75
NJ	60	69	76	60	63	75	45	45	46	60	63	75
NM	62	53	51	62	53	50	20	20	31	55	48	45
NY	63	67	71	59	63	68	34	36	44	55	63	66
NC	59	61	68	56	56	66	30	32	37	52	54	63
ND	65	67	65	63	64	63	41	44	49	58	61	61
OH	56	62	59	53	60	57	29	32	39	46	58	55
OK	55	55	60	50	54	60	28	32	32	48	53	57
OR	80	82	79	78	78	75	50	50	44	70	72	69
PA	55	58	55	53	54	51	27	29	27	47	51	48
SC	52	62	59	47	61	58	25	36	33	44	48	46
SD	66	70	68	62	69	66	40	40	45	55	64	62
TN	55	58	55	45	46	46	20	24	22	45	50	47
TX	58	62	61	55	55	58	27	33	30	51	52	57
UT	72	70	71	64	63	66	40	50	36	56	59	65
VA	65	62	68	60	59	65	28	28	32	55	54	67
WA	70	75	81	67	72	74	40	50	50	66	69	77
WV	60	63	64	55	54	60	31	32	30	51	47	61
WI	64	69	73	60	60	70	34	38	41	56	58	67
WY	79	76	81	71	74	80	35	43	40	77	66	80
US⁴	59	64	64	55	60	61	32	35	36	51	57	59

¹ Includes AZ and NV. ² Includes DE and MD. ³ Includes CT, ME, MA, RI and VT. ⁴ Excludes AK and HI.