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2014 Pennsylvania Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in Pennsylvania for 2014 is estimated at 58,800, down 500 farms from 2013, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. Total land in farms, at 7.7 million acres, increased 20 thousand acres from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 131 acres, up 1 acre 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.

Pennsylvania Highlights

Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 26,700 farms, declined by 23 hundred farms.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 19,900 farms, increased by 17 hundred farms.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 5,500 farms, decreased by 1 hundred farms.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 3,550 farms, increased by 2 hundred farms.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 1,900 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1,250 farms, unchanged.

Farmland changes by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 1.8 million acres, increased by 10 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2.3 million acres, increased by 20 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 1.1 million acres, decreased by 20 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 950 thousand acres, increased by 40 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 770 thousand acres, increased by 20 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 850 thousand acres, decreased by 50 thousand acres.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 67 acres
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 116 acres
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 191 acres
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 268 acres
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 405 acres
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 680 acres

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-19-2015.pdf>.

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