Farm numbers and land in farms unchanged in Pennsylvania

The number of farms in Pennsylvania for 2020 is estimated at 52,700, unchanged from 2019, according to King Whetstone, director of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Office. Total land in farms, at 7.30 million acres, was unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for 2020 is 139 acres, unchanged 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. In 2020, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) implemented a statistical modeling approach to generate survey indications. This approach was in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection processes and the suspension of in-person data collection.

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Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:
- Sales Class $1,000 - $9,999: 24,900 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class $10,000 - $99,999: 52,400 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class $100,000 - $249,999: 1,900 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class $250,000 - $499,999: 3,760 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class $500,000 - $999,999: 1,670 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class $1,000,000 or more: 1,350 farms, unchanged.

Farmland changes by sales class are:
- Sales Class $1,000 - $9,999: 1,300 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $10,000 - $99,999: 2,200 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $100,000 - $249,999: 1,100 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $250,000 - $499,999: 980 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $500,000 - $999,999: 750 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $1,000,000 or more: 970 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:
- Sales Class $1,000 - $9,999: 52 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $10,000 - $99,999: 132 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $100,000 - $249,999: 220 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $250,000 - $499,999: 316 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $500,000 - $999,999: 455 acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class $1,000,000 or more: 719 acres, unchanged.

The complete ‘Farms and Land In Farms’ report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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