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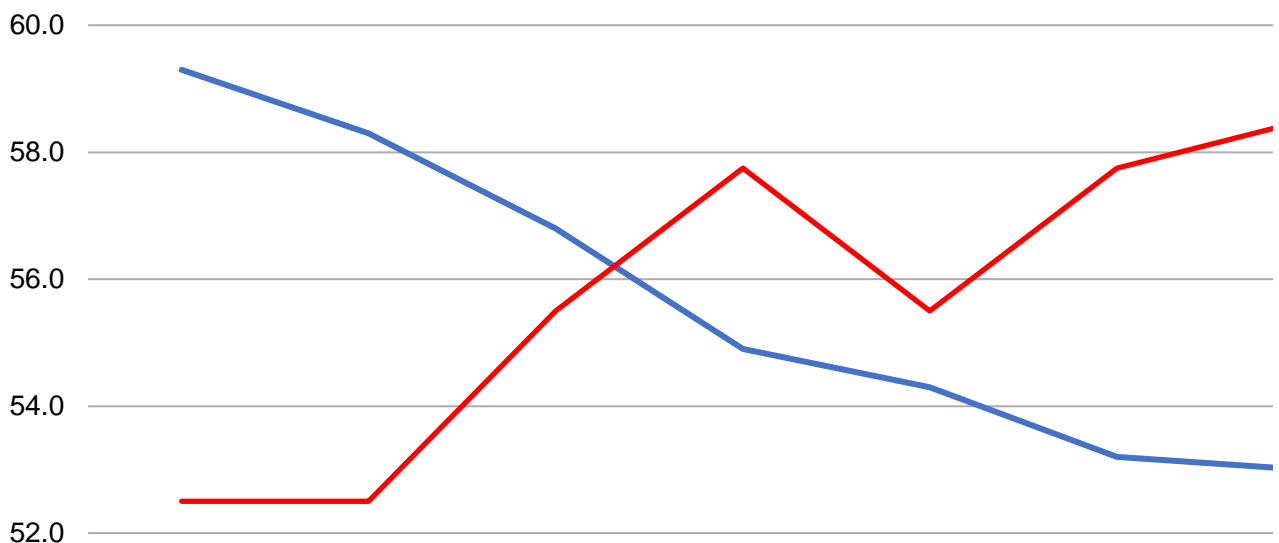
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Farm numbers and land in farms unchanged in Pennsylvania

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.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size- Pennsylvania: 2012-2020

Thousands of Farms



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.

Pennsylvania Highlights

Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 24,900 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 16,700 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 5,000 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 3,100 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 1,650 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1,350 farms, unchanged.

Farmland changes by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 1,300 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2,200 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 1,100 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 980 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 750 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 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 is available online at <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/5712m6524>.

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