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## 2020 FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

**Charleston, West Virginia – The number of farms** in West Virginia totaled 22,800 in 2020, down 100 farms from 2019. The total land in farms was 3.50 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size was 154 acres, up 1 acre from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000 - \$9,999** economic sales class totaled 16,500 in 2020, down 100 farms from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.50 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 91 acres, up 1 acre from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$10,000 - \$99,999** economic sales class totaled 5,500 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 1.40 million acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 255 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$100,000 - \$249,999** economic sales class totaled 370 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 270,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 730 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$250,000 - \$499,999** economic sales class totaled 130 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 846 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$500,000 - \$999,999** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2019.

The West Virginia number of farms in the **\$1,000,000 or more** economic sales class totaled 150 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Land in farms for this sales class totaled 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2019. The average farm size for this sales class was 733 acres, unchanged from 2019.

**United States – The number of farms** in the United States for 2020 is estimated at 2,019,000, down 4,400 farms from 2019. The number of farms in all sales classes declined. In 2020, 51.1 percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales and 81.5 percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. In 2020, 7.4 percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

**Total land in farms**, at 896,600,000 acres, decreased 800,000 acres from 2019. The biggest change for 2020 is that producers in Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 operated 550,000 fewer acres than in 2019. In 2020, 30.1 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with less than \$100,000 in sales, while 40.8 percent of all farmland was operated by farms with sales of \$500,000 or more.

**The average farm size** for 2020 is 444 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Average farm size increased in the \$250,000 - \$499,999, \$500,000-\$999,999, and \$1,000,000 or more sales classes and remained unchanged in all others.