



Wisconsin Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms

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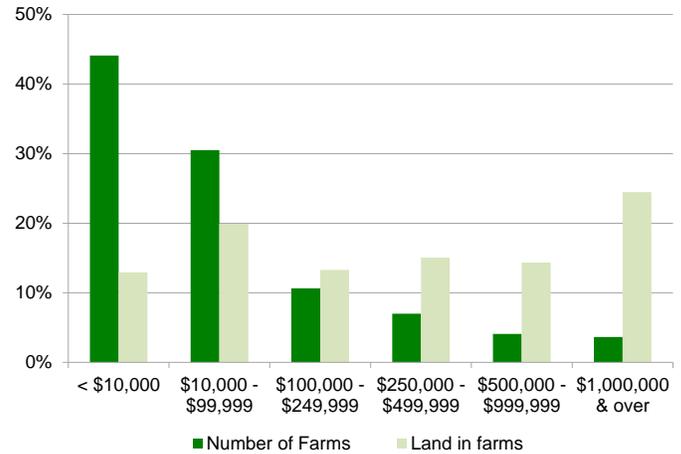
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The total number of farms in Wisconsin in 2017 was 68,500, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2017 Summary* report. This is down 200 farms from 2016. Farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class showed a decrease of 200 farms from 2016.

Total land in farms in Wisconsin in 2017 was 14.3 million acres, down 100,000 acres from a year ago. Farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class showed a decrease of 100,000 acres from 2016.

Wisconsin’s average farm size in 2017 was 209 acres, down one acre from 2016. The average farm size for those in the \$1,000,000 and over sales class was 1,400 acres, a decrease of 79 acres since 2016.

**Farms and Land in Farms
Percent by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2017**



Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2013-2017

[Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999	\$1,000,000 & over	Total
Number of Farms							
2013	31,000	21,200	7,500	5,000	2,800	2,300	69,800
2014	30,500	21,000	7,400	4,900	2,900	2,300	69,000
2015	30,500	21,000	7,300	4,900	2,850	2,350	68,900
2016	30,400	20,900	7,300	4,800	2,900	2,400	68,700
2017	30,200	20,900	7,300	4,800	2,800	2,500	68,500
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2013	2,100	2,900	2,000	2,100	2,000	3,500	14,600
2014	2,000	2,900	1,950	2,050	2,050	3,550	14,500
2015	1,950	2,900	1,900	2,050	2,050	3,550	14,400
2016	1,950	2,850	1,950	2,050	2,050	3,550	14,400
2017	1,850	2,850	1,900	2,150	2,050	3,500	14,300
Average Farm Size, acres							
2013	68	137	267	420	714	1,522	209
2014	66	138	264	418	707	1,543	210
2015	64	138	260	418	719	1,511	209
2016	64	136	267	427	707	1,479	210
2017	61	136	260	448	732	1,400	209

United States Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in the United States for 2017 is estimated at 2.05 million, down 12 thousand farms from 2016. Total land in farms, at 910 million acres, decreased 1 million acres from 2016. The average farm size for 2017 is 444 acres, up 2 acres 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 2017 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2016 calendar year.

Point Farms are farms that did not have the required minimum \$1,000 in sales for the year to qualify as a farm, but had sufficient crops and livestock to normally have sales of \$1,000 or more. Point Farms are assigned a sales class based on the sum of the agricultural point (dollar) values assigned to the quantity of commodities produced but not sold. The 2012 Census of Agriculture showed that 428,810 farms or 20.3 percent of the 2.11 million farms were Point Farms. These Point Farms operated 63.0 million acres or 6.9 percent of the 914.5 million acres of farmland.

Number of farms declined by 12 thousand from 2016. The number of farms in Sales Classes \$100,000 - \$249,999 and \$1,000,000 or more increased while all other sales classes declined. Fifty percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size – United States: 2010-2017

