



Wisconsin Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms

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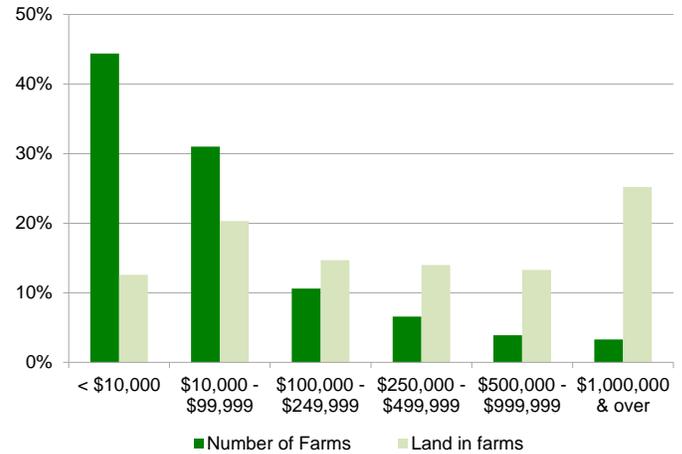
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The total number of farms in Wisconsin in 2018 was 64,800, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2018 Summary* report. This is unchanged from 2017. Farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class showed an increase of 100 farms while farms in the \$100,000-\$249,999 sales class showed a decrease of 100 farms from 2017.

Total land in farms in Wisconsin in 2018 was 14.3 million acres, unchanged from a year ago.

Wisconsin’s average farm size in 2018 was 221 acres, unchanged from 2017. The average farm size for those in the \$100,000-\$249,999 sales class showed an increase of 4 acres.

**Farms and Land in Farms
Percent by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2018**



Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2014-2018

[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							
2014	29,900	20,600	7,300	4,700	2,800	2,200	67,500
2015	29,600	20,400	7,100	4,600	2,700	2,200	66,600
2016	29,200	20,200	7,000	4,400	2,700	2,200	65,700
2017	28,700	20,100	7,000	4,300	2,550	2,150	64,800
2018	28,800	20,100	6,900	4,300	2,550	2,150	64,800
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2014	2,000	2,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,600	14,500
2015	1,900	2,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,600	14,400
2016	1,900	2,900	2,100	2,000	1,900	3,600	14,400
2017	1,800	2,900	2,100	2,000	1,900	3,600	14,300
2018	1,800	2,900	2,100	2,000	1,900	3,600	14,300
Average Farm Size, acres							
2014	67	141	274	426	714	1,636	215
2015	64	142	282	435	741	1,636	216
2016	65	144	300	455	704	1,636	219
2017	63	144	300	465	745	1,674	221
2018	63	144	304	465	745	1,674	221

United States Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in the United States for 2018 is estimated at 2,029,200, down 12,800 farms from 2017. Total land in farms, at 899,500,000 acres, decreased 870,000 acres from 2017. The average farm size for 2018 is 443 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 2018 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2017 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 2017 Census of Agriculture showed that 471,593 farms or 23.1 percent of the 2.04 million farms were Point Farms. These Point Farms operated 59.2 million acres or 6.6 percent of the 900.2 million acres of farmland.

Number of farms declined by 12,800 from 2017. The number of farms in Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 increased while all other sales classes declined. Fifty-one percent of all farms had less than \$10,000 in sales. Eighty-two percent of all farms had less than \$100,000 in sales. Seven percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Number of Farms and Average Farm Size – United States: 2011-2018

