



## USDA Releases Results of First Farmland Landlord Survey Since 1999

There were 4.67 million acres of farmland rented out by landlords in Wisconsin, according to the results of the 2014 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey released August 31, 2015, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

NASS conducted the survey in cooperation with the USDA’s Economic Research Service to get a better insight into who owns U.S. farmland. TOTAL was the first time NASS surveyed farmland landlords since 1999. The survey results provide analysis of rented farmlands by acreage, as well as by landlords, which include individuals, as well as ownership arrangements such as partnerships, corporations, trusts, and other types of ownership.

According to TOTAL findings, there were 86,824 farmland landlords in Wisconsin. Of these, 15,960 were farmers (operator landlords), while 70,864 were non-farming landlords. Cropland made up 92 percent of all Wisconsin farmland rented, 5 percent were pasture acres rented, and 3 percent were other acres rented, including acres used for forests and other land uses.

Wisconsin landlords received \$580 million in rent or on average \$124 per acre.

For complete TOTAL results, visit [agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/TOTAL](http://agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/TOTAL).

## Landlord Arrangements & Economics of Land Ownership – Wisconsin: 2014

Type of ownership	Number of landlords	Acres rented out	Rent received (dollars)	Operating expenses (dollars)	Value of land and buildings (dollars)	Total debt (dollars)
Operator landlord <sup>1</sup> .....	15,960	1,061,728	173,381,000	41,193,000	4,281,218,000	253,736,000
Non-operator landlord.....	70,864	3,608,592	406,572,000	115,009,000	13,988,985,000	1,128,292,000
Total .....	86,824	4,670,320	579,953,000	156,203,000	18,270,203,000	1,382,028,000

Numbers in this table may not add due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Acres rented out includes land subleased by operator landlords.

## Acquisition of Land Rented Out to Others – Wisconsin: 2014

Method of acquisition	Operator landlord (percent)	Non-operator landlord (percent)	All landlords (percent)
Purchased from non-relative...	52	46	47
Purchased from relative.....	32	24	26
Purchased at auction.....	NA	NA	NA
Inherited or received gift .....	13	28	24

NA denotes an insufficient number of reports to publish.

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## Acres Expected to Transfer in 5 Years – Wisconsin: 2014

Method of transfer <sup>1</sup>	Total land (acres)
Total to transfer .....	1,283,974
Sell to relative.....	243,079
Sell to non-relative.....	284,166
Gift .....	NA
Put/keep in a trust.....	599,503

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<sup>1</sup> Does not include acres put/keep in a will.