



Wisconsin Ag News – Farms and Land in Farms

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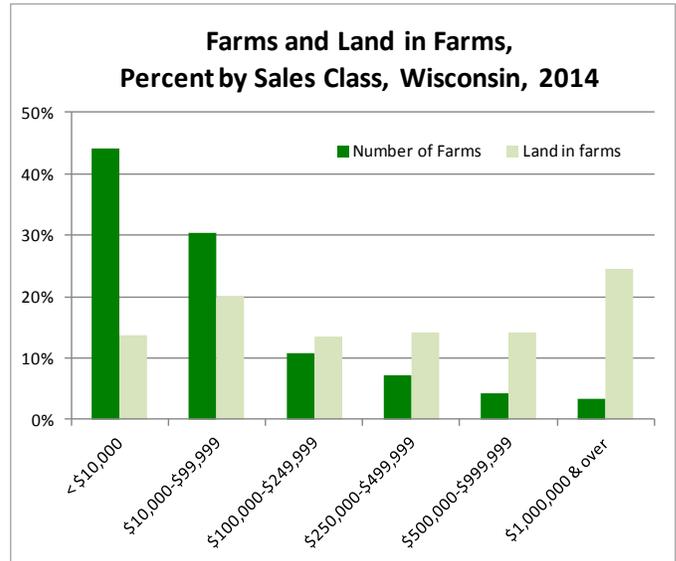
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The total number of farms in Wisconsin in 2014 was 69,000, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Upper Midwest Regional Office. This is down 800 farms from 2013. The largest decrease in number of farms came in the \$1,000-\$9,999 range with a decrease of 500 farms from 31,000 in 2013 to 30,500 in 2014.

Total land in farms in Wisconsin in 2014 was 14.5 million acres, a decrease of 100,000 acres from a year ago. Farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class showed a decrease of 100,000 acres from 2013.

Wisconsin's average farm size in 2014 was 210 acres, up one acre from a year ago. The average farm size for those in the \$1,000,000 and over economic sales class was 1,543 acres, an increase of 21 acres from 2013.



Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class - Wisconsin: 2010-2014

[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	\$1,000,000 & over ¹	Total
Number of Farms							
2010	35,300	20,900	7,700	5,100	4,200	(NA)	73,200
2011	32,700	21,000	7,700	5,000	4,800	(NA)	71,200
2012	31,000	21,300	7,500	5,000	5,000	(NA)	69,800
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
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2010	2,300	3,100	2,300	2,500	4,500	(NA)	14,700
2011	2,200	3,000	2,180	2,120	5,100	(NA)	14,600
2012	2,100	2,900	2,000	2,100	5,500	(NA)	14,600
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
Average Farm Size, acres							
2010	65	148	299	490	1,071	(NA)	201
2011	67	143	283	424	1,063	(NA)	205
2012	68	136	267	420	1,100	(NA)	209
2013	68	137	267	420	714	1,522	209
2014	66	138	264	418	707	1,543	210

(NA) Not available.

¹Beginning in 2013, the \$500,000-\$999,999 and \$1,000,000 and over categories are published separately. Prior to that, the information was combined in the \$500,000 and over category.

United States Number of Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in the United States for 2014 is estimated at 2.08 million, down 18 thousand farms from 2013. Total land in farms, at 913 million acres, decreased 1.03 million acres from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 438 acres, up 3 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 2014 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2013 calendar year. Production or commodity price changes in 2013 resulted in the total value for virtually all livestock and livestock products to increase while the value of most crops declined. The value of vegetable, fruit, and tobacco crops increased.

Farm numbers decreased by 18 thousand farms during 2014. The number of farms in Sales Class \$1,000-\$9,999 declined while all other sales classes increased slightly. Fifty-one percent of all farms have sales less than \$10,000. Eighty percent of all farms had sales less than \$100,000. Eight percent of all farms had sales of \$500,000 or more.

Land in farms, at 913 million acres, is down one million acres from 2013. The biggest changes for 2014 are that producers with sales below \$10,000 operated 4.3 million fewer acres while those in Sales Class \$500,000-\$999,999 operated 3.71 million more acres. The percentage of all farmland operated by farms in Sales Class \$500,000-\$999,999 is 17 percent, and for one million dollars or more is 24 percent.

