

Understanding U.S. Agriculture

The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)

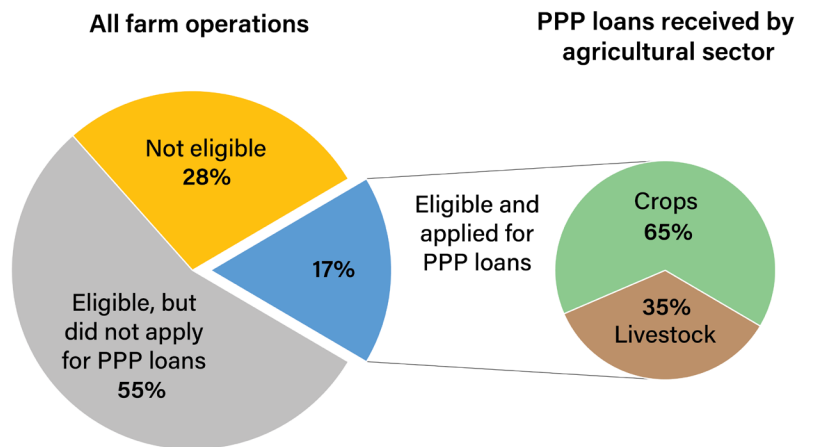


USDA is gathering data from farm operators like you. The data collected will inform ag producers, USDA, and the public on the financial condition, production practices, and resource use of America's farms and ranches. The results are useful in comparing your farm with others and for understanding the overall well-being of U.S. agriculture.

The Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) is conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Economic Research Service (ERS) along with your state department of agriculture. Here are some results from previous ARMS surveys that help us understand these aspects of American agriculture:

Farm financial assistance

The crop sector received 65% of total Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans in 2020, while the remaining 35% went to the livestock sector.



Production practices

ARMS data from 2019 indicated that cotton farmers observed declines in the effectiveness of glyphosate.



Costs

The combination of precision agriculture, developments in chemical active ingredients, and genetically engineered seeds led to a decrease in overall corn production costs per bushel between 1996 and 2016.



Conservation

Rye and winter wheat are the most common cover crops used before planting corn, soybean, and cotton.



Farm types

In 2021, 98% of U.S. farms were family farms, accounting for 83% of farm production.

Please Respond

Please help USDA tell the story of U.S. agriculture by completing the ARMS questionnaire today. Respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or fill out the paper questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope provided. Responding online is fast and secure. The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.



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