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Farm Numbers and Land in Farms Down Slightly

The number of farms in the United States in 1996 is estimated at 2.06 million, down less than one percent from 1995. Total land in farms is 968 million acres, also down less than one percent from last year. This decline in farm numbers and land in farms continues to follow historical trends. The average farm size was unchanged from 1995 at 469 acres.

The North Central Region was the only region to drop in farm numbers with a total decrease from 1995 of 11,500 farms, a 1.4 percent decline. The Northeast Region was up 0.2 percent or 300 farms. Farms in the South were up only 0.1 percent or 900 farms. The largest increase was in the West with a gain of 1,790 farms or 0.7 percent higher than 1995.

Texas remained the State with the most farms at 205,000, 3,000 more than a year earlier. Missouri was second with 104,000 farms, down 1,000 from last year, followed by Iowa with 98,000 farms, down 2,000 from 1995.

Eleven States increased in farm numbers while 20 states decreased from a year ago. Texas showed the largest increase with 3,000 farms while California and Mississippi showed increases of 2,000 farms from last year. Five States that showed the largest decreases of 2,000 farms each were Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio.

Texas continued to lead the nation in land in farms and ranches with 127.0 million acres, down 2 million acres from 1995. Two States with decreases of 400,000 acres in agricultural land from a year ago were Alabama and Mississippi, while New Mexico was off 300,000 acres. The largest increase in land in farms was in Louisiana with an increase of 200,000 from 1995.

The number of U.S. farms in the economic sales class between \$1,000 and \$9,999 increased from 1,012,920 in 1995 to 1,019,310 in 1996. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 group decreased from 725,400 to 705,600. The \$100,000 and over sales group increased from 333,200 to 338,100 farms.

Estimates for the number of farms and land in farms refer to June 1. A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year."

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Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size:
United States, June 1, 1986-96 1/

| Year | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Average Farm Size |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 1,000 | 1,000 Acres | Acres |
| 1986 | 2,250 | 1,005,333 | 447 |
| 1987 | 2,213 | 998,923 | 451 |
| 1988 | 2,201 | 994,423 | 452 |
| 1989 | 2,175 | 990,723 | 456 |
| 1990 | 2,146 | 986,850 | 460 |
| 1991 | 2,117 | 981,736 | 464 |
| 1992 | 2,108 | 978,503 | 464 |
| 1993 | 2,083 | 976,463 | 469 |
| 1994 | 2,065 | 973,403 | 471 |
| 1995 | 2,072 | 972,253 | 469 |
| 1996 | 2,063 | 968,048 | 469 |

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

Number of Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1994-96

| State | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Number | | |
| AL | 46,000 | 47,000 | 45,000 |
| AK | 520 | 520 | 510 |
| AZ | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,500 |
| AR | 44,000 | 43,000 | 43,000 |
| CA | 79,000 | 80,000 | 82,000 |
| CO | 25,300 | 25,000 | 24,500 |
| CT | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| DE | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| FL | 39,000 | 39,000 | 40,000 |
| GA | 45,000 | 45,000 | 43,000 |
| HI | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,600 |
| ID | 20,500 | 21,500 | 22,000 |
| IL | 77,000 | 77,000 | 76,000 |
| IN | 63,000 | 62,000 | 60,000 |
| IA | 101,000 | 100,000 | 98,000 |
| KS | 65,000 | 66,000 | 66,000 |
| KY | 89,000 | 89,000 | 88,000 |
| LA | 28,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 |
| ME | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,400 |
| MD | 14,500 | 14,300 | 13,700 |
| MA | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,200 |
| MI | 52,000 | 54,000 | 53,000 |
| MN | 85,000 | 87,000 | 87,000 |
| MS | 39,000 | 42,000 | 44,000 |
| MO | 105,000 | 105,000 | 104,000 |
| MT | 22,500 | 22,000 | 22,000 |
| NE | 55,000 | 56,000 | 56,000 |
| NV | 2,400 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| NH | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,400 |

| | | | | |
|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NJ | : | 8,900 | 9,000 | 9,200 |
| NM | : | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| NY | : | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 |
| NC | : | 58,000 | 58,000 | 58,000 |
| ND | : | 32,000 | 32,000 | 31,000 |
| OH | : | 75,000 | 74,000 | 72,000 |
| OK | : | 70,000 | 71,000 | 72,000 |
| OR | : | 38,000 | 38,500 | 38,500 |
| PA | : | 51,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| RI | : | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| SC | : | 23,000 | 22,000 | 21,500 |
| SD | : | 34,000 | 33,000 | 32,500 |
| TN | : | 83,000 | 81,000 | 80,000 |
| TX | : | 200,000 | 202,000 | 205,000 |
| UT | : | 13,000 | 13,400 | 13,400 |
| VT | : | 6,200 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| VA | : | 46,000 | 47,000 | 48,000 |
| WA | : | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 |
| WV | : | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| WI | : | 79,000 | 80,000 | 79,000 |
| WY | : | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,100 |
| US | : | 2,064,720 | 2,071,520 | 2,063,010 |

 Land in Farms: By State and United States, June 1, 1994-96

| State | : | 1994 | : | 1995 | : | 1996 |
|-------|---|--------|---|-------------|---|--------|
| | : | | : | 1,000 Acres | | |
| AL | : | 10,200 | : | 10,200 | : | 9,800 |
| AK | : | 930 | : | 920 | : | 920 |
| AZ | : | 35,400 | : | 35,400 | : | 35,400 |
| AR | : | 15,100 | : | 15,000 | : | 15,000 |
| CA | : | 29,900 | : | 30,000 | : | 30,000 |
| CO | : | 32,700 | : | 32,700 | : | 32,500 |
| CT | : | 390 | : | 380 | : | 380 |
| DE | : | 570 | : | 570 | : | 565 |
| FL | : | 10,300 | : | 10,300 | : | 10,300 |
| GA | : | 12,100 | : | 12,000 | : | 11,800 |
| HI | : | 1,590 | : | 1,590 | : | 1,590 |
| ID | : | 13,500 | : | 13,500 | : | 13,500 |
| IL | : | 28,100 | : | 28,100 | : | 28,100 |
| IN | : | 16,000 | : | 15,900 | : | 15,900 |
| IA | : | 33,200 | : | 33,200 | : | 33,200 |
| KS | : | 47,800 | : | 47,800 | : | 47,800 |
| KY | : | 14,100 | : | 14,000 | : | 14,000 |
| LA | : | 8,400 | : | 8,500 | : | 8,700 |
| ME | : | 1,360 | : | 1,350 | : | 1,340 |
| MD | : | 2,200 | : | 2,200 | : | 2,100 |
| MA | : | 600 | : | 570 | : | 570 |
| MI | : | 10,700 | : | 10,700 | : | 10,600 |
| MN | : | 29,700 | : | 29,800 | : | 29,800 |
| MS | : | 12,800 | : | 13,000 | : | 12,600 |
| MO | : | 30,100 | : | 30,000 | : | 30,000 |
| MT | : | 59,700 | : | 59,700 | : | 59,700 |
| NE | : | 47,100 | : | 47,000 | : | 47,000 |
| NV | : | 8,800 | : | 8,800 | : | 8,800 |
| NH | : | 440 | : | 440 | : | 430 |
| NJ | : | 860 | : | 850 | : | 840 |
| NM | : | 44,200 | : | 44,000 | : | 43,700 |
| NY | : | 7,900 | : | 7,700 | : | 7,700 |
| NC | : | 9,300 | : | 9,200 | : | 9,200 |

| | | | | |
|----|---|---------|---------|----------|
| ND | : | 40,400 | 40,300 | ✓40,300 |
| OH | : | 15,200 | 15,200 | ✓15,100 |
| OK | : | 34,000 | 34,000 | ✓34,000 |
| OR | : | 17,500 | 17,500 | ✓17,500 |
| PA | : | 7,800 | 7,700 | ✓7,700 |
| RI | : | 63 | 63 | ✓63 |
| SC | : | 5,100 | 5,050 | ✓5,000 |
| SD | : | 44,200 | 44,000 | ✓44,000 |
| TN | : | 12,000 | 12,000 | ✓11,800 |
| TX | : | 129,000 | 129,000 | ✓127,000 |
| UT | : | 11,100 | 11,100 | ✓11,000 |
| VT | : | 1,400 | 1,370 | ✓1,350 |
| VA | : | 8,600 | 8,600 | ✓8,600 |
| WA | : | 15,800 | 15,800 | ✓15,700 |
| WV | : | 3,700 | 3,700 | ✓3,700 |
| WI | : | 16,900 | 16,900 | ✓16,800 |
| WY | : | 34,600 | 34,600 | ✓34,600 |
| US | : | 973,403 | 972,253 | 968,048 |

Number of Farms: Economic Sales Class by State, Region, and United States, June 1, 1996

| State and Region | Economic Sales Class | | | Total |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| | \$1,000-\$9,999 | \$10,000-\$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | |
| Number | | | | |
| Northeast | | | | |
| NY | 16,400 | 11,600 | 8,000 | 36,000 |
| PA | 24,000 | 17,700 | 8,300 | 50,000 |
| Other States 1/ | 22,100 | 7,200 | 6,400 | 35,700 |
| Total | 62,500 | 36,500 | 22,700 | 121,700 |
| North Central | | | | |
| IL | 21,000 | 32,000 | 23,000 | 76,000 |
| IN | 23,000 | 24,000 | 13,000 | 60,000 |
| IA | 26,000 | 41,000 | 31,000 | 98,000 |
| KS | 25,000 | 30,500 | 10,500 | 66,000 |
| MI | 28,000 | 17,000 | 8,000 | 53,000 |
| MN | 31,000 | 33,000 | 23,000 | 87,000 |
| MO | 54,600 | 39,500 | 9,900 | 104,000 |
| NE | 11,500 | 26,500 | 18,000 | 56,000 |
| ND | 5,000 | 15,000 | 11,000 | 31,000 |
| OH | 35,000 | 27,000 | 10,000 | 72,000 |
| SD | 6,000 | 17,500 | 9,000 | 32,500 |
| WI | 32,400 | 27,400 | 19,200 | 79,000 |
| Total | 298,500 | 330,400 | 185,600 | 814,500 |
| South | | | | |
| AL 2/ | 31,000 | | | 45,000 |
| AR | 20,500 | 12,500 | 10,000 | 43,000 |
| FL 2/ | 25,000 | | | 40,000 |
| GA | 24,000 | 12,000 | 7,000 | 43,000 |
| KY 2/ | 47,000 | | | 88,000 |
| LA 2/ | 15,500 | | | 27,000 |
| MS 2/ | 31,500 | | | 44,000 |
| NC | 32,000 | 17,000 | 9,000 | 58,000 |
| OK | 40,200 | 26,500 | 5,300 | 72,000 |
| TN 2/ | 57,000 | | | 80,000 |
| TX | 133,000 | 55,000 | 17,000 | 205,000 |
| VA 2/ | 32,000 | | | 48,000 |

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|--------------------|---|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Other States 2/ 3/ | : | 39,300 | | | 57,700 |
| Total | : | 528,000 | 242,700 | 80,000 | 850,700 |
| West | : | | | | |
| CA | : | 33,500 | 30,000 | 18,500 | 82,000 |
| OR 2/ | : | 27,500 | | | 38,500 |
| WA | : | 20,200 | 7,800 | 8,000 | 36,000 |
| Other States 2/ 4/ | : | 49,110 | | | 119,610 |
| Total | : | 130,310 | 96,000 | 49,800 | 276,110 |
| US | : | 1,019,310 | 705,600 | 338,100 | 2,063,010 |

1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, AND VT.

2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.

3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV.

4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1996

| State and Region | Economic Sales Class | | | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| | \$1,000- \$9,999 | \$10,000- \$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | |

| 1,000 Acres | | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------|---------|---------|
| Northeast | : | | | |
| NY | : | 1,400 | 2,300 | 4,000 |
| PA | : | 1,800 | 3,000 | 2,900 |
| Other States 1/ | : | 1,673 | 1,200 | 2,100 |
| Total | : | 4,873 | 6,500 | 9,000 |
| North Central | : | | | |
| IL | : | 800 | 6,950 | 20,350 |
| IN | : | 1,300 | 4,700 | 9,900 |
| IA | : | 1,700 | 10,700 | 20,800 |
| KS | : | 3,400 | 21,300 | 23,100 |
| MI | : | 1,400 | 3,100 | 6,100 |
| MN | : | 3,400 | 9,300 | 17,100 |
| MO | : | 5,300 | 14,000 | 10,700 |
| NE | : | 1,100 | 15,700 | 30,200 |
| ND | : | 900 | 13,500 | 25,900 |
| OH | : | 2,700 | 5,500 | 6,900 |
| SD | : | 1,000 | 20,000 | 23,000 |
| WI | : | 2,600 | 5,200 | 9,000 |
| Total | : | 25,600 | 129,950 | 203,050 |
| South | : | | | |
| AL 2/ | : | 3,600 | | |
| AR | : | 1,800 | 2,300 | 10,900 |
| FL 2/ | : | 1,800 | | |
| GA | : | 2,300 | 3,500 | 6,000 |
| KY 2/ | : | 3,700 | | |
| LA 2/ | : | 1,800 | | |
| MS 2/ | : | 3,300 | | |
| NC | : | 1,700 | 2,600 | 4,900 |
| OK | : | 5,400 | 18,100 | 10,500 |
| TN 2/ | : | 4,300 | | |
| TX | : | 22,000 | 55,000 | 50,000 |
| VA 2/ | : | 2,200 | | |
| Other States 2/ 3/ | : | 4,100 | | |
| Total | : | 58,000 | 115,000 | 111,165 |

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|--------------------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| West | : | | | | |
| CA | : | 2,300 | 7,600 | 20,100 | 30,000 |
| OR 2/ | : | 1,700 | | | 17,500 |
| WA | : | 950 | 3,650 | 11,100 | 15,700 |
| Other States 2/ 4/ | : | 9,500 | | | 241,710 |
| Total | : | 14,450 | 98,960 | 191,500 | 304,910 |
| | : | | | | |
| US | : | 102,923 | 350,410 | 514,715 | 968,048 |

- 1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, AND VT.
- 2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.
- 3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV.
- 4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

Number of Farms: Economic Sales Class by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1995

| State and Region | Economic Sales Class | | | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | \$1,000- \$9,999 | \$10,000- \$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | |
| | Number | | | |
| Northeast | | | | |
| NY | 16,800 | 11,400 | 7,800 | 36,000 |
| PA | 24,000 | 17,700 | 8,300 | 50,000 |
| Other States 1/ | 21,700 | 8,000 | 5,700 | 35,400 |
| Total | 62,500 | 37,100 | 21,800 | 121,400 |
| North Central | | | | |
| IL | 22,000 | 31,500 | 23,500 | 77,000 |
| IN | 24,500 | 25,000 | 12,500 | 62,000 |
| IA | 26,000 | 42,800 | 31,200 | 100,000 |
| KS | 25,000 | 30,500 | 10,500 | 66,000 |
| MI | 29,000 | 17,000 | 8,000 | 54,000 |
| MN | 35,000 | 34,000 | 18,000 | 87,000 |
| MO | 55,000 | 40,100 | 9,900 | 105,000 |
| NE | 10,500 | 27,500 | 18,000 | 56,000 |
| ND | 5,600 | 15,600 | 10,800 | 32,000 |
| OH | 37,500 | 26,500 | 10,000 | 74,000 |
| SD | 6,000 | 17,000 | 10,000 | 33,000 |
| WI | 32,600 | 28,100 | 19,300 | 80,000 |
| Total | 308,700 | 335,600 | 181,700 | 826,000 |
| South | | | | |
| AL 2/ | 32,000 | | | 47,000 |
| AR | 20,500 | 12,500 | 10,000 | 43,000 |
| FL 2/ | 24,000 | | | 39,000 |
| GA | 25,400 | 12,500 | 7,100 | 45,000 |
| KY 2/ | 48,000 | | | 89,000 |
| LA 2/ | 15,500 | | | 27,000 |
| MS 2/ | 29,000 | | | 42,000 |
| NC | 32,000 | 17,000 | 9,000 | 58,000 |
| OK | 39,200 | 26,500 | 5,300 | 71,000 |
| TN 2/ | 57,000 | | | 81,000 |
| TX | 123,000 | 61,000 | 18,000 | 202,000 |
| VA 2/ | 31,000 | | | 47,000 |
| Other States 2/ 3/ | 38,500 | | | 58,800 |
| Total | 515,100 | 252,700 | 82,000 | 849,800 |
| West | | | | |
| CA | 33,000 | 28,800 | 18,200 | 80,000 |
| OR 2/ | 27,500 | | | 38,500 |

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|--------------------|---|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| WA | : | 20,300 | 8,000 | 7,700 | 36,000 |
| Other States 2/ 4/ | : | 45,820 | | | 119,820 |
| Total | : | 126,620 | 100,000 | 47,700 | 274,320 |
| US | : | 1,012,920 | 725,400 | 333,200 | 2,071,520 |

- 1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, AND VT.
- 2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.
- 3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV.
- 4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1995

| State and Region | Economic Sales Class | | | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | \$1,000- \$9,999 | \$10,000- \$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | |
| Northeast | | | | |
| NY | 1,500 | 2,200 | 4,000 | 7,700 |
| PA | 1,900 | 3,000 | 2,800 | 7,700 |
| Other States 1/ | 1,523 | 1,300 | 2,200 | 5,023 |
| Total | 4,923 | 6,500 | 9,000 | 20,423 |
| North Central | | | | |
| IL | 800 | 6,800 | 20,500 | 28,100 |
| IN | 1,300 | 5,100 | 9,500 | 15,900 |
| IA | 1,800 | 11,200 | 20,200 | 33,200 |
| KS | 3,400 | 21,300 | 23,100 | 47,800 |
| MI | 1,500 | 3,100 | 6,100 | 10,700 |
| MN | 3,600 | 9,600 | 16,600 | 29,800 |
| MO | 5,400 | 14,000 | 10,600 | 30,000 |
| NE | 900 | 15,700 | 30,400 | 47,000 |
| ND | 1,200 | 13,600 | 25,500 | 40,300 |
| OH | 2,800 | 5,600 | 6,800 | 15,200 |
| SD | 1,300 | 19,400 | 23,300 | 44,000 |
| WI | 2,700 | 5,200 | 9,000 | 16,900 |
| Total | 26,700 | 130,600 | 201,600 | 358,900 |
| South | | | | |
| AL 2/ | 3,800 | | | 10,200 |
| AR | 1,800 | 2,300 | 10,900 | 15,000 |
| FL 2/ | 1,800 | | | 10,300 |
| GA | 2,400 | 3,500 | 6,100 | 12,000 |
| KY 2/ | 3,700 | | | 14,000 |
| LA 2/ | 1,600 | | | 8,500 |
| MS 2/ | 3,100 | | | 13,000 |
| NC | 1,600 | 2,700 | 4,900 | 9,200 |
| OK | 5,300 | 18,400 | 10,300 | 34,000 |
| TN 2/ | 4,300 | | | 12,000 |
| TX | 14,000 | 55,000 | 60,000 | 129,000 |
| VA 2/ | 2,200 | | | 8,600 |
| Other States 2/ 3/ | 3,800 | | | 11,520 |
| Total | 49,400 | 119,000 | 118,920 | 287,320 |
| West | | | | |
| CA | 2,300 | 7,500 | 20,200 | 30,000 |
| OR 2/ | 1,700 | | | 17,500 |
| WA | 950 | 3,700 | 11,150 | 15,800 |
| Other States 2/ 4/ | 8,500 | | | 242,310 |
| Total | 13,450 | 99,300 | 192,860 | 305,610 |

| State and Region | Economic Sales Class | | | Total |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | \$1,000-\$9,999 | \$10,000-\$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | |
| US | 94,473 | 355,400 | 522,380 | 972,253 |
| 1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, AND VT. 2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes. 3/ DE, MD, SC, and WV. 4/ AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY. | | | | |
| Number of Farms: Economic Sales Class by State, Region, and United States, June 1, 1994 | | | | |
| | Number | | | |
| Northeast | | | | |
| NY | 16,600 | 11,200 | 8,200 | 36,000 |
| PA | 24,300 | 18,300 | 8,400 | 51,000 |
| Other States 1/ | 21,600 | 8,000 | 6,000 | 35,600 |
| Total | 62,500 | 37,500 | 22,600 | 122,600 |
| North Central | | | | |
| IL | 21,000 | 33,000 | 23,000 | 77,000 |
| IN | 25,500 | 24,500 | 13,000 | 63,000 |
| IA | 25,000 | 45,000 | 31,000 | 101,000 |
| KS | 24,000 | 30,000 | 11,000 | 65,000 |
| MI | 27,000 | 17,000 | 8,000 | 52,000 |
| MN | 30,000 | 34,000 | 21,000 | 85,000 |
| MO | 53,500 | 41,700 | 9,800 | 105,000 |
| NE | 9,000 | 28,500 | 17,500 | 55,000 |
| ND | 6,000 | 15,400 | 10,600 | 32,000 |
| OH | 38,000 | 27,000 | 10,000 | 75,000 |
| SD | 6,000 | 18,000 | 10,000 | 34,000 |
| WI | 28,000 | 32,400 | 18,600 | 79,000 |
| Total | 293,000 | 346,500 | 183,500 | 823,000 |
| South | | | | |
| AL 2/ | 31,000 | | | 46,000 |
| AR | 21,000 | 13,000 | 10,000 | 44,000 |
| FL 2/ | 24,000 | | | 39,000 |
| GA | 25,300 | 12,800 | 6,900 | 45,000 |
| KY 2/ | 48,000 | | | 89,000 |
| LA 2/ | 17,000 | | | 28,000 |
| MS 2/ | 26,100 | | | 39,000 |
| NC | 32,000 | 17,000 | 9,000 | 58,000 |
| OK | 37,400 | 27,000 | 5,600 | 70,000 |
| TN 2/ | 58,000 | | | 83,000 |
| TX | 119,000 | 61,000 | 20,000 | 200,000 |
| VA 2/ | 30,000 | | | 46,000 |
| Other States 2/ 3/ | 38,500 | | | 60,000 |
| Total | 507,300 | 256,700 | 83,000 | 847,000 |
| West | | | | |
| CA | 32,500 | 27,800 | 18,700 | 79,000 |
| OR 2/ | 27,000 | | | 38,000 |
| WA | 20,100 | 8,300 | 7,600 | 36,000 |
| Other States 2/ 4/ | 43,020 | | | 119,120 |
| Total | 122,620 | 101,000 | 48,500 | 272,120 |
| US | 985,420 | 741,700 | 337,600 | 2,064,720 |

- 1/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, RI, AND VT.
- 2/ Estimates not available for all sales classes.
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Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class by State,
Region, and United States, June 1, 1994

| State and Region | Economic Sales Class | | | Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | \$1,000- \$9,999 | \$10,000- \$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | |
| 1,000 Acres | | | | |
| Northeast | | | | |
| NY | 1,400 | 2,300 | 4,200 | 7,900 |
| PA | 1,800 | 3,200 | 2,800 | 7,800 |
| Other States 1/ | 1,563 | 1,300 | 2,250 | 5,113 |
| Total | 4,763 | 6,800 | 9,250 | 20,813 |
| North Central | | | | |
| IL | 800 | 6,800 | 20,500 | 28,100 |
| IN | 1,200 | 4,900 | 9,900 | 16,000 |
| IA | 1,700 | 11,500 | 20,000 | 33,200 |
| KS | 3,200 | 22,000 | 22,600 | 47,800 |
| MI | 1,500 | 3,100 | 6,100 | 10,700 |
| MN | 3,400 | 9,700 | 16,600 | 29,700 |
| MO | 5,400 | 14,200 | 10,500 | 30,100 |
| NE | 800 | 15,800 | 30,500 | 47,100 |
| ND | 1,100 | 14,300 | 25,000 | 40,400 |
| OH | 2,700 | 5,800 | 6,700 | 15,200 |
| SD | 1,400 | 19,500 | 23,300 | 44,200 |
| WI | 2,500 | 5,800 | 8,600 | 16,900 |
| Total | 25,700 | 133,400 | 200,300 | 359,400 |
| South | | | | |
| AL 2/ | 3,600 | | | 10,200 |
| AR | 1,900 | 2,300 | 10,900 | 15,100 |
| FL 2/ | 1,800 | 0 | 0 | 10,300 |
| GA | 2,600 | 3,500 | 6,000 | 12,100 |
| KY 2/ | 3,700 | 0 | 0 | 14,100 |
| LA 2/ | 1,800 | 0 | 0 | 8,400 |
| MS 2/ | 3,000 | 0 | 0 | 12,800 |
| NC | 1,800 | 2,600 | 4,900 | 9,300 |
| OK | 5,000 | 18,500 | 10,500 | 34,000 |
| TN 2/ | 4,300 | 0 | 0 | 12,000 |
| TX | 14,000 | 54,000 | 61,000 | 129,000 |
| VA 2/ | 2,200 | 0 | 0 | 8,600 |
| Other States 2/ 3/ | 3,800 | 0 | 0 | 11,570 |
| Total | 49,500 | 119,000 | 118,970 | 287,470 |
| West | | | | |
| CA | 2,100 | 7,200 | 20,600 | 29,900 |
| OR 2/ | 1,700 | 0 | 0 | 17,500 |
| WA | 900 | 3,900 | 11,000 | 15,800 |
| Other States 2/ 4/ | 8,500 | 0 | 0 | 242,520 |
| Total | 13,200 | 99,500 | 193,020 | 305,720 |
| US | 93,163 | 358,700 | 521,540 | 973,403 |

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Percent of Farms and Land in Farms: By Economic Sales Class, United States, June 1, 1994-96

| Economic Sales Class | Economic Sales Class Estimates | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| | Percent of Total | | Average Size Farm (Acres) |
| | Farms | Land | |
| 1994 | | | |
| \$1,000 - \$2,499 | 20.4 | 2.6 | 60 |
| \$2,500 - \$4,999 | 14.0 | 2.9 | 98 |
| \$5,000 - \$9,999 | 13.3 | 4.0 | 142 |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 11.9 | 6.7 | 265 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 427 |
| \$40,000 - \$99,999 | 13.3 | 20.5 | 726 |
| \$100,000 - \$249,999 | 10.7 | 25.7 | 1,132 |
| \$250,000 - \$499,999 | 3.4 | 13.1 | 1,816 |
| \$500,000 + | 2.3 | 14.8 | 3,032 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 471 |
| 1995 | | | |
| \$1,000 - \$2,499 | 21.5 | 2.7 | 59 |
| \$2,500 - \$4,999 | 14.4 | 2.9 | 94 |
| \$5,000 - \$9,999 | 13.0 | 4.1 | 148 |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 11.7 | 6.6 | 265 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 438 |
| \$40,000 - \$99,999 | 12.8 | 20.2 | 734 |
| \$100,000 - \$249,999 | 10.3 | 25.7 | 1,170 |
| \$250,000 - \$499,999 | 3.5 | 13.1 | 1,755 |
| \$500,000 + | 2.3 | 14.9 | 3,038 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 469 |
| 1996 | | | |
| \$1,000 - \$2,499 | 22.5 | 3.0 | 63 |
| \$2,500 - \$4,999 | 14.3 | 3.1 | 102 |
| \$5,000 - \$9,999 | 12.6 | 4.5 | 168 |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 11.4 | 6.5 | 268 |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 451 |
| \$40,000 - \$99,999 | 12.6 | 19.9 | 741 |
| \$100,000 - \$249,999 | 10.2 | 25.2 | 1,159 |
| \$250,000 - \$499,999 | 3.8 | 12.9 | 1,593 |
| \$500,000 + | 2.4 | 15.1 | 2,952 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 469 |

Reliability of Data in this Report

Survey Procedures: These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service during the first two weeks of June using sampling procedures to ensure every farm operator had a chance of being selected. Two samples of farm operators are selected. First, NASS maintains a list of farms which are classified and sampled by size and type. Larger farms are selected with greater frequency but all farms are represented. A second sample consists of segments of land scientifically selected from aerial photography. Each June, highly trained interviewers locate each selected land

segment and identify every farm operating land within the sample segment's boundaries. The names of farms found in these area segments are matched against the list of farms; those not found on the list represent all farms not on the NASS list. This methodology is known as multiple frame sampling, with an area sample used to measure incompleteness of the list. The area segments also provide independent indications of number of farms and land in farms.

Beginning in 1995, interviewers counted operations having 5 or more horses or ponies and no sales as horse farms. This is a continuing effort to have NASS and Census collect comparable data. Horses in boarding stables and racetracks and maple syrup only operations are excluded. This is a continuing effort to have NASS and Census publish comparable data.

Estimation Procedures: National, Regional, and State data were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency. Each State Statistical Office submits its analysis to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) which prepares the June 1 based estimates for publication. Farm numbers and land in farm estimates are based on survey results and the historical relationship of official estimates to the survey results.

Revision Policy: Farm numbers information is subject to revision the following year and following review of the Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture. The basis for revision must be supported by additional data that directly affect the level of the estimate. A historical publication with revisions for 1988-92 was published July 28, 1995.

Reliability: Two types of errors, sampling and nonsampling, are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey. Both types affect the "precision" of the estimates.

Sampling error occurs because a complete census is not taken. The sampling error measures the variation in estimates from the average of all possible samples. An estimate of 100 with a sampling error of 1 would mean that chances are 19 out of 20 that the estimates from all possible samples averaged together would be between 98 and 102; which is the survey estimate, plus or minus two times the sampling error. The sampling error expressed as a percent of the estimate is called the relative sampling error. The relative sampling error for the U.S. number of farms was 1 percent and just above 1 percent for land in farms. The sampling error for total number of farms and total land in farms is less than the sampling error for each component of the total, such as number of farms by economic sales class. Relative sampling errors by economic sales class generally ranged from 1 to 4 percent for number of farms and 2 to 8 percent for land in farms at the U.S. level.

Nonsampling errors can occur in complete censuses as well as sample surveys. They are caused by the inability to obtain correct information from each person sampled, differences in interpreting questions or definitions, and mistakes in coding or processing the data. Special efforts are taken at each step of the survey to minimize nonsampling errors.

Terms and Definition

A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year". Government payments are included in sales. Institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. To be considered a farm, the place must be operating on June 1. Places with all their acreage enrolled in set aside or other government programs are considered operating.

Land in farms is all land operated by farms as of June 1. It includes crop and livestock acreage, wasteland, woodland, pasture, land in summer fallow, idle cropland, and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and other set aside or commodity acreage programs. It excludes public, industrial, and grazing association land and nonagricultural land. It excludes all land operated by establishments not qualifying as farms.

Economic sales classes are based on the gross value of sales, which includes sales of agricultural products such as crops, livestock, horses (excluding pleasure horses), honey, furs, fish, nursery and greenhouse products, rabbits, etc. Government program payments from the previous year are also included.

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