2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *Highlights*

Family Farms

Ninety-five percent of U.S. farms are family-owned



In 2022, 95% of U.S. farms were family-owned. Small family farms accounted for 85% of all U.S. farms, 39% of land in farms, and 14% of the value of all agricultural products sold. Midsize family farms accounted for 6% of U.S. farms and produced 16% of the value of all agricultural products. Large-scale family farms made up 4% of all U.S. farms, but produced 51% of the value of all agricultural products.

1,614,764
small family farms

110,510
midsize family farms

75,089
large and very large family farms

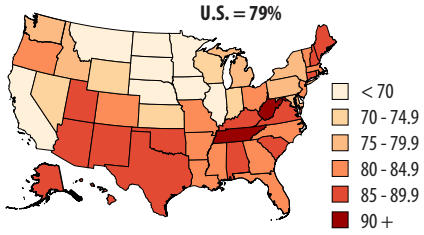
Number and Location

The number of family farms decreased from 2017 to 2022, down almost 159,000 farms or 8%. Small family farms is the only typology category that decreased from 2017 to 2022. The number of small low sales farms fell by 10%. The number of midsize, large, and very large family farms increased, with the largest increase in the number of farms with GCFI of $1,000,000 or more.

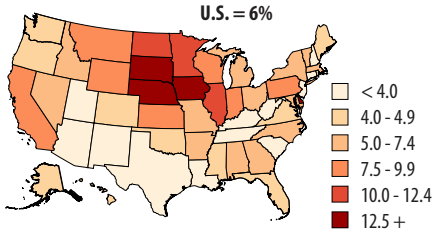
Family Farm Counts by Size

	2022	Percent Change Since 2017
Small (low sales)	1,493,684	-10%
Small (moderate sales)	121,080	-7%
Midsize	110,510	2%
Large	65,972	40%
Very Large	9,117	65%
All	**1,800,363**	**-8%**

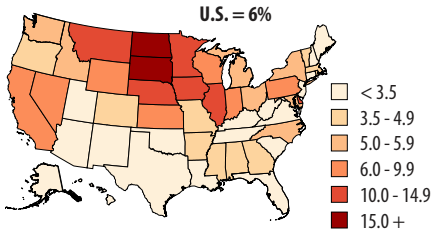
Small (low sales) Family Farms as Percent of Total Farms, 2022



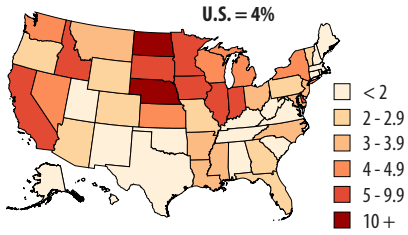
Small (moderate sales) Family Farms as Percent of Total Farms, 2022



Midsize Family Farms as Percent of Total Farms, 2022



Large Family Farms as Percent of Total Farms, 2022 (large and very large)



Farm Types

The 2022 Census of Agriculture farm typology report classifies all farms into unique categories based on two criteria – who owns the operation and gross cash farm income (GCFI). GCFI includes the farm producer's sales of crops and livestock, fees for delivering commodities under production contracts, government payments, and farm-related income.

Small family farms – GCFI less than $350,000.
Low-sales farms – GCFI less than $150,000.
Moderate-sales farms – GCFI between $150,000 and $349,999.

Midsize family farms – GCFI between $350,000 and $999,999.

Large-scale family farms – GCFI of $1,000,000 or more.
Large family farms – Farms with GCFI between $1,000,000 and $4,999,999.
Very large family farms – Farms with GCFI of $5,000,000 or more.

Non family farms – Any farm where the producer and persons related to the producer do not own a majority of the business.

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SNAPSHOT

Family Farm Producers, 2022

Number=3,156,845*	Small farm producers	Midsize farm producers	Large-scale farm producers
		(percent)	
Sex			
Male	62	72	76
Female	38	28	24
Age			
<35	9	12	10
35 - 64	52	55	60
65+	39	34	30
Years farming			
10 or less	32	19	14
11 or more	68	81	86
Lived on their farm	73	72	66
Worked off farm			
No days	36	54	61
1 to 199 days	23	20	16
200+ days	42	26	23
Primary occupation			
Farming	38	72	78
Other	62	28	22
Race			
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.8	0.7	0.3
Asian	0.6	0.9	1.0
Black/African American	1.4	0.3	0.2
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	0.1
White	95.1	97.5	97.9
More than one race	1.0	0.6	0.4
Hispanic	3	2	3
With military service	10	5	4

**Total number of all family farm producers. Data collected for up to four producers per farm.*

About the Census

The Census of Agriculture, conducted once every five years, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Results from the 2022 and earlier censuses are available at national, state, and county levels.

See the searchable database Quick Stats, downloadable PDF reports, maps, and a variety of topic-specific products:

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Family Farm Producer Characteristics

Small family farm producers were more likely than midsize or large-scale producers to be female, age 65 or older, or report living on the farming operation. They were also more likely to report having served in the military, to work off the farm, and to be a new/beginning farmer (farmed 10 years or less). Across many demographic categories, midsize and large-scale family farm producers were similar. The majority of these producers reported farming as their primary occupation and worked no days off the farm. Fewer reported having served in the military, and a low share were beginning farmers.

Family Farm Characteristics

Family farm specialization varied between the farm size groups. The majority (56%) of small family farms specialized in cattle (31%) or other crops, such as hay and forage production (25%). Over half (55%) of midsize farms specialized in grains and oilseeds, while large-scale farms were more varied in production specialization. Very large family farms were more likely to specialize in dairy production or specialty crops than other farms; 26% of very large family farms specialized in specialty crops and another 23% specialized in dairy production.

	Small (low sales)	Small (moderate-sales)	Midsize	Large	Very Large
			(percent)		
Grains and oilseeds	10	46	55	56	20
Specialty crops	10	10	9	12	26
Other crops	26	10	7	7	5
Cattle	32	18	14	9	12
Dairy	0	3	6	8	23
Hogs and pigs	1	2	2	3	7
Poultry and eggs	4	7	5	2	5
Other animals	17	4	2	2	2

Profile of U.S. Farms

Profile of U.S. Farms, by Type, 2022

		Family Farms			
	U.S. Total	Small	Midsize	Large-scale*	Non-Family
			(percent of U.S. total)		
Number of farms	1.9 million	85	6	4	5
Land in farms	880 mil. acres	39	19	26	16
Value of land and buildings	$3.4 trillion	41	16	30	13
Agricultural sales	$543 billion	14	16	51	19
Direct sales to consumers	$3.3 billion	44	18	19	19
Government payments	$10.4 billion	30	23	35	12
Production expenses	$424 billion	18	15	48	19
Net cash farm income of producers	$152 billion	7	21	55	17

** Includes very large*

Nationally, small family farms have the largest share of the number of farms, land used for farming, value of farmland and buildings, and direct sales to consumers.

Source: USDA NASS, 2022 Census of Agriculture.

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