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USDA releases 2022 Census of Agriculture data down to the county level

February 13, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) today announced the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, spanning more than 6 million data points about America’s farms and ranches and the people who operate them, down to the county level. The full Census of Agriculture report as well as publication dates for additional ag census data products can be found at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. Ag census data can also be found in NASS’s searchable online database, Quick Stats.

“We are pleased to provide updated Census of Agriculture data to all those who serve U.S. agriculture, especially the producers who gave their time to complete the questionnaire. Census of Agriculture data tell a story. This comprehensive snapshot every five years helps data users to see trends and shifts in the industry over time and helps producers do business,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “Overall, though there are always changes across U.S. agriculture, the data remain largely consistent with the previous ag census. Data users will also notice some new data on the topics of hemp, precision agriculture, and internet access.”

Ag census data provide valuable insights into demographics, economics, land use and activities on Illinois farms and ranches such as:

- There were 71,123 farms and ranches in Illinois (down 2.1% from 2017) with an average size of 370 acres (down 0.5%) on 26.3 million acres of farmland (down 2.6%).
- Illinois farms and ranches produced \$26.4 billion in agricultural products, up from \$17.0 billion in 2017. In 2022, farms and ranches received total income of \$27.8 billion. With farm production expenses of \$17.8 billion, Illinois farms had net cash income of \$10.0 billion. Average farm income rose to \$140,625.
- Illinois farms with internet access continued to rise from 76.9% in 2017 to 79.1% in 2022.
- 2,674 Illinois farms sold directly to consumers in 2022, with sales of \$53 million. Value of sales increased 19.6% from 2017.
- 11,655 Illinois farms had sales of \$500,000 or more and sold \$21.8 billion of all agricultural products in the state. 38,726 Illinois farms had sales of less than \$50,000 and sold \$327 million of all agricultural products in the state.
- The average age of all Illinois producers was 58.6, up from 58.0 in 2017.
- There were 32,538 Illinois farmers with 10 or fewer years of experience, with an average age of 46.4.
- The number of Illinois producers under age 35 was 10,632, comprising 8.8% of all producers. The 8,270 Illinois farms with young producers making decisions tend to be larger than average in both acres and sales.

- In 2022, 33,927 female producers accounted for 28.0% of all Illinois producers.

The national response rate for the 2022 Census of Agriculture was 61%; more than 40% of responses were submitted online. To address questions about the 2022 Census of Agriculture data, NASS will host a live X Stat Chat ([@usda_nass](#)) for the public on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. EST. Ag census data highlight publications are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights. Additional products, including state and county profiles and congressional district will be released on March 27 and May 15 respectively.

First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census and conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – the Census of Agriculture remains the most comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

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