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Mississippi Farms and Land in Farms



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Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size - Mississippi: 2013 - 2023

Year	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	(number)		(1,000 acres)		(acres)	
2023		31,100		10,300		331
2022		31,300		10,300		329
2021		32,900		10,400		316
2020		33,600		10,400		310
2019		34,000		10,400		306
2018		34,500		10,400		301
2017		35,000		10,400		297
2016		35,500		10,500		296
2015		36,200		10,600		293
2014		36,800		10,800		293
2013		37,100		10,800		291

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size by Economic Sales Class - Mississippi: 2022 - 2023

Economic sales class	Number of farms		Land in farms		Average farm size	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(number)	(number)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(acres)	(acres)
\$1,000 - \$9,999	16,900	16,900	2,200	2,200	130	130
\$10,000 - \$99,999	10,000	9,800	2,800	2,600	280	265
\$100,000 - \$249,999	800	800	470	470	588	588
\$250,000 - \$499,999	550	550	500	500	909	909
\$500,000 - \$999,999	750	750	730	730	973	973
\$1,000,000 or more	2,300	2,300	3,600	3,800	1,565	1,652
Total	31,300	31,100	10,300	10,300	329	331

Terms and Definitions

A **farm** is “any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.” Government payments are included in sales. Ranches, institutional farms, experimental and research farms, and Indian Reservations are included as farms. Places with the entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and other government conservation programs are counted as farms.

The definition of a farm was first established in 1850 and has changed nine times since. The current definition was first used for the 1974 Census.

Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator’s total operation. Land in farms includes acres in CRP, WRP, and other government conservation programs.

Land in farms includes land owned and operated as well as land rented from others. Land used rent-free is included as land rented from others. All grazing land, except land used under government permits on a per-head basis, is included as land in farms provided it was part of a farm or ranch. Land under the exclusive use of a grazing association is reported by the grazing association and included as land in farms. All land in American Indian reservations used for growing crops or grazing livestock is included as land in farms. Land in reservations not reported by individual American Indians or non- Native Americans is reported in the name of the cooperative group that used the land. In many instances, the entire American Indian reservation is reported as one farm.

Economic sales classes are based on the gross value of agricultural products sold. Government program payments are also included.

Point Farms are places that did not have \$1,000 of reported sales for the year but had sufficient crops and livestock to normally have sales of \$1,000 or more.