

Table 19.07-- NUMBER OF FARMS, FARM ACREAGE, AND AVERAGE FARM EMPLOYMENT: 2000 TO 2023

Year	Number of farms 1/	Farm acreage (1,000) 2/	Annual average farm employment 3/		
			Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers 4/	Hired workers
2000	5,500	5/ 1,380	3,100	1,000	7,800
2001	5,500	1,350	3,300	1,100	5/ 7,300
2002	5/ 5,500	5/ 1,300	3,000	1,100	7,500
2003	5,500	1,300	(6/)	(6/)	5/ 7,000
2004	5,500	5/ 1,200	(6/)	(6/)	5/ 7,200
2005	5,500	5/ 1,200	(6/)	(6/)	7,000
2006	5,500	1,160	(6/)	(6/)	7,000
2007	5/ 7,500	5/ 1,120	(6/)	(6/)	6,500
2008	5/ 7,400	5/ 1,100	3,300	900	5/ 6,000
2009	5/ 7,300	1,110	3,500	1,000	5/ 6,000
2010	7,200	1,100	3,800	1,000	6,300
2011	7,100	1,130	(6/)	(6/)	7,000
2012	7,000	1,130	(6/)	(6/)	6,500
2013	7,100	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	6,500
2014	7,100	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	7,000
2015	7,200	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	6,500
2016	7,300	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	6,000
2017	7,300	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	6,000
2018	7,300	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	6,300
2019	5/ 7,200	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	4,500
2020	5/ 7,100	1,100	(6/)	(6/)	4,300
2021	5/ 6,900	5/ 1,050	(6/)	(6/)	5,000
2022	5/ 6,600	5/ 1,050	(6/)	(6/)	5,300
2023	6,600	1,050	(6/)	(6/)	5,000

1/ Based on farm definition of \$1,000 or more of agricultural sales.

2/ Includes land not in crop and pasture, such as farm house lots, roads, woodlots, etc.

3/ Working 15 or more hours per week. Annual averages are based on survey data for January, April, July, October.

4/ Includes family members and others that worked 15 or more hours during the survey week.

5/ Revised from previous *Data Book*.

6/ Total farm workforce, self-employed operators, and unpaid workers estimates were discontinued from July 2002 to April 2007 due to a change in the national labor statistics program. Estimates were again discontinued beginning in October 2011.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats <<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>> accessed April 17, 2024.