



United States Department of Agriculture  
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# CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## AG CENSUS DATA MATTER:

### What is the Census of Agriculture?

The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land – whether rural or urban – count if \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the ag census year.



### Why is the Census of Agriculture important?

Census of Agriculture data work for producers by improving decisions about jobs, transportation, production practices, new technologies, marketing opportunities, farm services and programs, local, state, and federal policy, and more.

### Who uses Census of Agriculture Data?

- Farmers and ranchers can use Census of Agriculture data to make informed decisions about the future of their own operations.
- Companies and cooperatives use the data to determine where to locate facilities that will serve agricultural producers.
- Community planners use the information to target needed services to rural residents.
- Legislators use census data when shaping farm policies and programs.



### Where can I find 2022 Census of Agriculture data?

Data from the 2022 ag census as well as previous censuses are available online at national, state, and county levels. See downloadable PDF reports, maps, a variety of topic-specific products and more at [nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](https://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus).

**116,617**

U.S. farms sold directly to consumers, producing \$3.3 billion in value of sales.

**296,480**

farmers were under 35 years old.

**153,101**

farms used a renewable energy producing system - a 15% increase from 2017.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2022 Census of Agriculture.

Thank you to the producers who responded to the 2022 Census of Agriculture.  
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