

**NUMBER OF FARMS, AVERAGE SIZE OF FARM, AND LAND IN FARMS,
UNITED STATES, 1972-2001**

YEAR	NUMBER OF FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE FARM	LAND IN FARMS	YEAR	NUMBER OF FARMS	AVERAGE SIZE FARM	LAND IN FARMS
	1,000	ACRES	1,000 ACRES		1,000	ACRES	1,000 ACRES
1972	2,860	382	1,092,065	1987	2,213	451	998,923
1973	2,823	385	1,087,923	1988	2,201	452	994,423
1974	2,795	388	1,084,433	1989	2,175	456	990,723
1975	2,521	420	1,059,420	1990	2,146	460	986,850
1976	2,497	422	1,054,075	1991	2,117	464	981,736
1977	2,456	427	1,047,785	1992	2,108	464	978,503
1978	2,436	429	1,044,790	1993	2,202	440	968,845
1979	2,437	428	1,042,015	1994	2,198	440	965,935
1980	2,440	426	1,038,885	1995	2,196	438	962,515
1981	2,440	424	1,034,190	1996	2,191	438	958,675
1982	2,407	427	1,027,795	1997	2,191	436	956,010
1983	2,379	430	1,023,425	1998	2,191	435	953,500
1984	2,334	436	1,017,803	1999	2,192	432	947,440
1985	2,293	441	1,012,073	2000	2,172	434	943,090
1986	2,250	447	1,005,333	2001	2,158	436	941,210

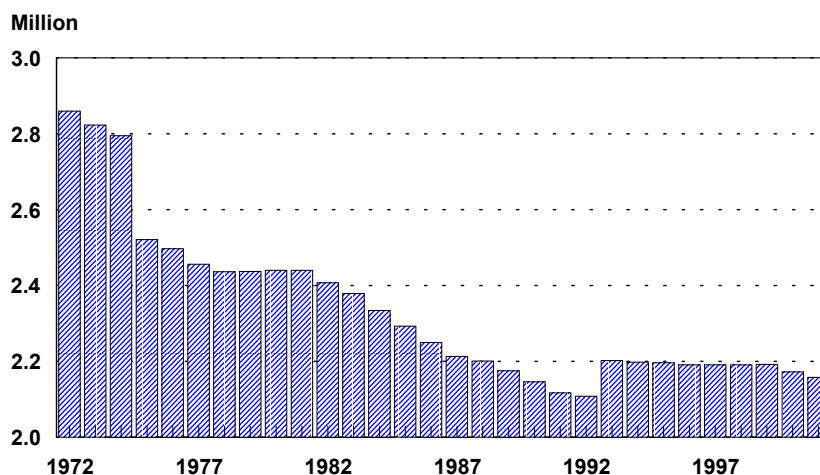
**NUMBER AND AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS, BY SALES CLASS,
UNITED STATES, 1997-2001**

YEAR	\$1,000-9,999		\$10,000-99,999		\$100,000+	
	NUMBER	AVG. SIZE (ACRES)	NUMBER	AVG. SIZE (ACRES)	NUMBER	AVG. SIZE (ACRES)
1997	1,191,050	114	645,960	447	353,500	1,505
1998	1,180,950	113	652,310	440	358,100	1,488
1999	1,194,340	111	648,850	445	348,880	1,507
2000	1,173,550	109	649,550	441	349,180	1,516
2001	1,166,590	108	642,010	426	349,180	1,550

**NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK FARMS,
UNITED STATES, 1997-2001**

ITEM	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
			1,000		
ALL CATTLE	1,148.1	1,115.7	1,096.6	1,077.6	1,050.9
BEEF COWS	872.8	855.5	844.2	830.7	814.4
MILK COWS	123.7	117.2	111.0	105.2	97.6
HOGS	122.2	113.8	98.6	86.4	81.1
ALL SHEEP	72.7	68.6	66.8	66.1	65.1

NUMBER OF FARMS, UNITED STATES, 1972-2001



NOTE: A CHANGE IN FARM DEFINITION, APPLIED FROM 1993 ON, NOW INCLUDES OPERATIONS HAVING MAPLE SYRUP, SHORT ROTATION WOODY CROPS, OR FIVE OR MORE HORSES OR PONIES WITH NO OTHER AGRICULTURE.