

**NEW JERSEY AND UNITED STATES: NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND-IN-FARMS AND  
AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS, 1953-1999 1/**

Year	Number of Farms		Land-in-Farms		Average Size of Farm	
	New Jersey	United States	New Jersey	United States	New Jersey	United States
	Number		1,000 Acres		Acres	
1953	24,000	4,983,600	1,710	1,205,740	71	242
1954	23,000	4,798,200	1,700	1,206,355	74	251
1955	21,600	4,653,800	1,650	1,201,900	76	258
1956	20,200	4,514,100	1,600	1,197,070	79	265
1957	19,000	4,371,700	1,560	1,191,340	82	273
1958	18,000	4,232,900	1,530	1,184,944	85	280
1959	17,000	4,104,520	1,500	1,182,563	88	288
1960	15,800	3,962,520	1,460	1,175,646	92	297
1961	15,200	3,825,410	1,440	1,167,699	95	305
1962	14,600	3,692,410	1,410	1,159,383	97	314
1963	13,300	3,572,200	1,370	1,151,572	103	322
1964	12,000	3,456,690	1,300	1,146,106	108	332
1965	11,000	3,356,170	1,220	1,139,597	111	340
1966	10,000	3,257,040	1,160	1,131,844	116	348
1967	9,500	3,161,730	1,120	1,123,456	118	355
1968	9,100	3,070,860	1,080	1,115,231	119	363
1969	8,900	3,000,180	1,080	1,107,811	121	369
1970	8,600	2,949,100	1,060	1,102,371	123	374
1971	8,500	2,902,310	1,050	1,096,863	124	378
1972	8,500	2,859,880	1,045	1,092,065	123	382
1973	8,500	2,823,260	1,035	1,087,923	122	385
1974	8,400	2,795,460	1,030	1,084,433	123	388
1975	8,600	2,251,420	1,035	1,059,420	120	420
1976	8,900	2,497,270	1,020	1,054,075	115	422
1977	8,600	2,455,830	1,000	1,047,785	116	427
1978	9,000	2,436,250	1,040	1,044,790	116	429
1979	9,600	2,437,300	1,030	1,042,015	107	428
1980	9,400	2,439,510	1,020	1,038,885	109	426
1981	9,500	2,439,920	1,030	1,034,190	108	424
1982	9,500	2,406,550	1,020	1,027,795	107	427
1983	9,500	2,378,620	1,000	1,023,425	105	430
1984	9,300	2,333,810	980	1,017,803	105	436
1985	9,100	2,292,530	960	1,012,073	105	441
1986	8,800	2,249,820	920	1,005,333	105	447
1987	8,500	2,212,960	900	998,923	106	451
1988	8,300	2,200,940	880	994,423	106	452
1989	8,300	2,174,520	880	990,723	106	456
1990	8,100	2,145,820	870	986,850	107	460
1991 2/	8,500	2,116,760	880	981,736	104	464
1992	9,000	2,107,840	880	978,503	98	464
1993	9,400	2,201,590	870	968,845	93	440
1994	9,400	2,197,690	860	965,935	91	440
1995	9,500	2,196,400	850	962,515	89	438
1996	9,500	2,190,500	840	958,675	88	438
1997	9,600	2,190,510	830	956,010	86	436
1998	9,600	2,191,360	830	953,500	86	435
1999	9,600	2,194,070	830	947,340	86	432

1/ The definition of a farm has undergone several changes during this century. The definitions of a farm as used in this table follow:

- 1975 A farm is an establishment that sold or would normally have sold \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year.
- 1954-1974 A farm is a place of 10 or more acres that had annual sales of \$50 or more of agricultural products, or any place of less than 10 acres that had annual sales of \$250 or more.
- 1951-1953 Estimates were "extrapolated" to provide a smooth transition from the earlier definitions to the 1954 definition.
- 1950 A farm is a place of 3 or more acres that produced farm products whose value amounted to \$150 or more, exclusive of home gardens. Places of less than 3 acres which had sales of \$250 or more were also considered farms.

2/ Starting in 1991, Christmas tree farms are included.

3/ Preliminary.