



What is the Census of Agriculture?

The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation. Through the ag census, producers can show the nation the value and importance of U.S. agriculture and influence decisions that will shape the future of their industries.

Do I meet the USDA definition of a farm?

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 census year.

If I didn't have \$1,000 in sales, how do I know if my farm meets this benchmark?

If you don't already receive USDA surveys and censuses, you may meet this definition if you have at least:

1/10 th acre of fruit	1 bison
1/10 th acre of melons	1 milk cow or 2 beef animals
1/10 th acre of vegetables	2 llamas
3 acres of alfalfa hay	2 ostriches, emus, or rheas
5 acres of other hay	5 horses, mules, or burros
100 acres of cropland pasture	6 sheep
100 acres of permanent pasture	10 goats
100 acres of woodland pasture	>10 colonies of bees

You may meet the USDA definition of a farm if you have some combination of the above, such as 50 acres of pasture and 3 horses. Payments from CRP/WRP or other government payments of \$1,000 or more meet the definition of a farm.

Will my information be kept private?

USDA-NASS is bound by law (Title 7, U.S. Code, and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35) – and pledges to every data provider – to use the information for statistical purposes only, and to only publish aggregated data so that no individual or farm can be identified.

Results from the 2022 Census of Agriculture will be available beginning February 2024 at: www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus