

FARM COMPUTER USAGE AND OWNERSHIP

The percentage of New England farms with computer access in 2007 averaged 78 percent, unchanged from 2005, and six percentage points higher than 2003. The proportion of New England farms with internet access in 2007, at 67 percent, was up two points from 2005.

Nationally, 63 percent of farms had access to a computer in 2007, compared with 59 percent in 2005, and 58 percent in 2003. Survey data indicated that 55 percent of U.S. farms had internet access in 2007, four percentage points above 2005.

FARM COMPUTER USAGE: Access, Ownership, and Use, by State and United States, 2003, 2005 and 2007

State	Farms											
	With Computer Access			That Own or Lease Computers			Using Computers for Farm Business			With Internet Access		
	2003	2005	2007	2003	2005	2007	2003	2005	2007	2003	2005	2007
	Percent			Percent			Percent			Percent		
AL	49	48	48	44	47	47	26	25	24	39	40	40
AZ ¹	63	60	60	58	60	60	27	29	33	55	50	55
AR	51	50	59	49	48	56	26	24	33	37	44	52
CA	64	58	61	60	54	54	38	38	42	55	52	54
CO	69	68	68	65	66	65	39	41	40	60	62	60
FL	56	61	61	50	60	59	29	39	37	49	57	55
GA	37	42	46	36	38	44	19	19	26	26	36	42
ID	81	77	83	77	75	83	46	47	50	62	68	68
IL	63	64	64	59	60	61	39	40	40	53	56	55
IN	59	58	64	58	56	62	34	35	38	51	51	58
IA	63	64	66	59	61	64	40	42	42	49	55	56
KS	62	57	68	59	54	64	37	35	39	48	49	57
KY	32	36	50	30	34	45	15	17	24	24	30	39
LA	53	51	57	47	46	55	19	20	25	44	46	55
MD ²	50	58	64	45	56	60	30	31	36	42	48	58
MI	61	62	69	54	57	63	27	35	34	49	54	64
MN	64	65	71	60	60	68	34	35	38	52	56	64
MS	37	45	51	35	42	44	17	23	22	29	37	41
MO	56	55	56	51	50	54	30	30	29	48	45	50
MT	72	75	75	70	73	75	44	45	45	63	70	70
NE	61	65	66	59	62	62	38	41	44	48	52	55
New England ³	72	78	78	61	76	75	40	52	50	59	65	67
NJ	59	60	69	56	60	67	48	45	45	57	60	67
NM	52	62	60	51	62	60	21	20	20	40	55	55
NY	66	63	63	58	59	59	35	34	36	56	55	59
NC	52	59	61	47	56	58	24	30	32	43	52	55
ND	61	65	67	58	63	66	39	41	44	53	58	63
OH	64	56	56	57	53	54	31	29	32	50	46	52
OK	48	55	55	44	50	52	22	28	32	39	48	51
OR	78	80	80	76	78	76	49	50	50	72	70	70
PA	55	55	62	48	53	58	25	27	29	48	47	55
SC	49	52	66	48	47	65	19	25	36	35	44	52
SD	61	66	65	54	62	60	33	40	40	45	55	55
TN	50	55	60	41	45	48	18	20	24	41	45	52
TX	58	58	62	55	55	60	26	27	33	50	51	57
UT	67	72	73	60	64	69	32	40	50	54	56	65
VA	65	65	65	62	60	60	34	28	28	57	55	55
WA	65	70	75	57	67	74	39	40	50	54	66	71
WV	60	60	64	54	55	60	19	31	32	55	51	53
WI	62	64	69	56	60	64	31	34	38	51	56	63
WY	71	79	82	70	71	81	32	35	43	57	77	75
United States ⁴	58	59	63	54	55	59	30	32	35	48	51	55

¹ Includes AZ and NV.² Includes DE and MD.³ Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT.⁴ Excludes AK and HI.

**FARM COMPUTER USAGE: Access, Ownership, and Use by Economic Class,
Type of Farm, Region, and United States, For Years 2003, 2005 and 2007¹**

Region	Farms											
	With Computer Access			That Own or Lease Computers			Using Computers for Farm Business			With Internet Access		
	2003	2005	2007	2003	2005	2007	2003	2005	2007	2003	2005	2007
	Percent			Percent			Percent			Percent		
Northeast²	62	62	66	53	60	63	33	36	37	52	55	60
\$1,000-9,999	61	60	66	51	58	63	25	26	27	50	54	60
\$10,000-99,999	62	62	62	53	58	58	40	45	45	50	55	58
\$100,000 and Over	65	70	71	60	67	69	50	56	55	52	59	62
\$100,000-249,999	52	67	68	46	63	67	36	50	49	38	53	58
\$250,000 and Over	85	75	76	81	73	72	71	65	64	73	68	68
Crop Farms	66	60	65	59	59	62	39	37	37	58	54	59
Livestock Farms	59	64	66	50	61	63	30	36	37	46	56	61
North Central³	61	61	65	57	57	62	34	36	38	50	52	57
\$1,000-9,999	57	58	62	52	53	59	21	24	24	47	50	55
\$10,000-99,999	56	56	59	52	52	55	33	34	36	45	45	51
\$100,000 and Over	75	76	76	72	74	73	57	59	60	62	67	70
\$100,000-249,999	70	71	69	66	69	67	50	50	52	55	60	63
\$250,000 and Over	82	82	82	80	80	80	65	68	69	72	74	77
Crop Farms	61	62	65	57	58	62	34	37	39	50	53	57
Livestock Farms	61	60	64	57	56	61	33	35	35	49	50	57
South⁴	51	53	58	47	49	54	23	25	30	42	46	51
\$1,000-9,999	46	49	54	42	46	51	16	18	24	38	43	48
\$10,000-99,999	55	55	58	50	50	55	28	28	33	44	45	52
\$100,000 and Over	73	73	73	69	69	71	55	55	55	60	62	67
\$100,000-249,999	68	68	68	63	63	65	44	48	48	52	55	61
\$250,000 and Over	77	77	78	74	74	77	65	62	61	68	69	72
Crop Farms	50	53	57	46	50	54	24	26	30	41	46	50
Livestock Farms	51	53	58	47	49	54	22	25	30	42	45	52
West⁵	70	69	70	66	66	67	41	40	44	60	62	63
\$1,000-9,999	67	69	69	63	66	66	31	31	36	57	62	63
\$10,000-99,999	67	66	66	62	62	64	42	43	46	58	57	58
\$100,000 and Over	81	76	75	79	74	72	68	62	61	70	70	69
\$100,000-249,999	77	73	70	75	71	66	61	56	52	63	63	63
\$250,000 and Over	84	78	78	82	76	76	74	67	68	76	75	74
Crop Farms	69	67	67	63	65	65	43	42	43	59	60	61
Livestock Farms	70	71	72	66	67	68	39	39	44	60	64	64
United States⁶	58	59	63	54	55	59	30	32	35	48	51	55
\$1,000-9,999	53	55	60	49	52	57	20	22	25	44	48	52
\$10,000-99,999	57	58	62	52	52	57	32	35	36	47	47	53
\$100,000 and Over	75	75	75	72	72	72	58	58	59	62	65	68
\$100,000-249,999	70	70	70	66	67	66	49	51	51	54	59	61
\$250,000 and Over	82	80	80	79	77	78	67	66	66	72	72	75
Crop Farms	60	60	64	55	57	60	33	34	37	49	52	56
Livestock Farms	56	58	62	53	54	58	27	30	33	47	50	55

¹ Economic class refers to sales and government payments received during the previous year.

² Includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.

³ Includes IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.

⁴ Includes AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV.

⁵ Includes AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, and WY.

⁶ Excludes AK and HI.