

FARM COMPUTER USAGE AND OWNERSHIP

In 2005, 78 percent of New England farms had computer access compared with 72 percent in 2003 and 2001. Nationally, 58 percent of farms had computer access in both 2005 and 2003, an 11 percent increase from 1999. Seventy-six percent of New England farms had Internet access in 2005, up 29 percentage points from two years

ago and up 36 percentage points from 2001. In New England, 76 percent of farms owned or leased computers in 2005, compared with only 46 percent in 1999. Fifty-two percent of New England farms were using computers for farm business in 2005, compared to 51 percent nationwide.

Farm Computer Usage: Access, Ownership, and Use by State and United States
1999, 2001, 2003, and 2005

State	With Computer Access				That Own or Lease Computers				Using Computers for Farm Business				With Internet Access			
	1999	2001	2003	2005	1999	2001	2003	2005	1999	2001	2003	2005	1999	2001	2003	2005
	Percent of Farms				Percent of Farms				Percent of Farms				Percent of Farms			
AL	47	48	49	43	37	42	44	41	24	24	26	20	28	34	39	37
AZ ^{1/2/}	—	—	63	40	—	—	58	40	—	—	27	29	—	—	55	37
AR	41	49	51	50	35	47	49	48	23	26	26	24	25	32	37	44
CA	61	63	64	58	55	56	60	54	40	36	38	38	46	51	55	52
CO ^{1/}	66	67	69	68	58	63	65	66	39	38	39	41	39	53	60	65
FL	45	50	56	61	39	47	50	60	27	29	29	39	34	45	49	58
GA	33	36	37	42	29	33	36	38	18	19	19	19	20	26	26	36
ID	75	80	81	77	59	74	77	75	34	46	46	47	41	62	62	68
IL	51	61	63	64	46	57	59	60	32	37	39	40	30	48	53	56
IN	46	57	59	58	41	51	58	56	22	28	34	30	25	42	51	51
IA	51	59	63	64	45	54	59	61	32	38	40	42	30	45	49	55
KS	52	58	62	57	46	54	59	54	26	31	37	31	27	39	48	49
KY	25	28	32	36	20	27	30	34	11	12	15	17	14	17	24	30
LA	35	53	53	51	32	47	47	46	20	19	19	16	21	40	44	46
MD ^{5/6/}	—	—	50	58	—	—	45	56	—	—	30	31	—	—	42	48
MI	59	60	61	62	51	49	54	57	25	27	27	35	28	48	49	54
MN	49	55	64	61	40	50	60	58	26	34	34	32	27	40	52	56
MS	30	37	37	45	24	34	35	42	11	16	17	23	18	24	29	37
MO	39	55	56	45	34	49	51	43	19	30	30	24	19	44	48	38
MT	65	71	72	75	52	67	70	73	36	43	44	40	38	57	63	70
NE	49	58	61	65	44	54	59	62	31	36	38	41	26	40	48	52
New England ^{3/}	57	72	72	78	46	58	61	76	31	34	40	52	43	56	59	76
NJ ^{4/}	—	—	59	51	—	—	56	50	—	—	48	30	—	—	57	48
NM ^{1/}	—	—	52	63	—	—	51	52	—	—	21	16	—	—	40	57
NY	50	65	66	63	40	58	58	59	25	35	35	34	30	56	56	51
NC	42	51	52	59	36	47	47	56	20	24	24	30	30	37	43	52
ND	53	59	61	65	47	54	58	63	35	38	39	41	32	47	53	58
OH	58	63	64	56	49	56	57	53	25	28	31	29	35	46	50	46
OK	45	48	48	59	33	42	44	54	17	21	22	28	28	38	39	48
OR	65	75	78	80	55	73	76	78	31	43	49	42	29	59	72	68
PA ^{4/}	47	54	55	55	37	45	48	53	22	28	28	27	30	41	48	47
SC	30	48	49	52	27	40	48	47	12	19	19	25	17	35	35	44
SD	50	56	61	66	39	48	54	62	31	31	33	40	29	43	45	55
TN	35	42	50	44	28	36	41	41	13	16	18	18	24	34	41	40
TX	48	57	58	58	39	52	55	55	23	26	26	27	31	46	50	51
UT ^{1/}	—	—	67	72	—	—	60	64	—	—	32	29	—	—	54	56
VA ^{5/}	42	58	65	54	31	49	62	51	15	26	34	28	24	48	57	51
WA	61	59	65	70	52	56	57	67	39	37	39	37	50	54	54	66
WV ^{5/}	—	—	60	53	—	—	54	51	—	—	19	31	—	—	55	51
WI	50	61	62	69	40	55	56	65	24	31	31	34	33	46	51	56
WY ^{1/}	—	—	71	79	—	—	70	71	—	—	32	24	—	—	57	77
United States ^{7/}	47	55	58	58	40	50	54	55	24	29	30	31	29	43	48	51

^{1/} For 1999 and 2001 the Colorado values included Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

^{2/} Includes Arizona and Nevada for 2003 and 2005

^{3/} Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

^{4/} For 1999 and 2001 the Pennsylvania values included New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

^{5/} For 1999 and 2001 the Virginia values included Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.

^{6/} Includes Delaware and Maryland for 2003 and 2005

^{7/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii

**Farm Computer Usage: Access, Ownership, and Use by Economic Class,^{1/}
Type of Farm, Region, and United States, 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2005**

Region	With Computer Access				That Owned or Leased Computers				Using Computers for Farm Business				With Internet Access			
	1999	2001	2003	2005	1999	2001	2003	2005	1999	2001	2003	2005	1999	2001	2003	2005
	Percent of Farms				Percent of Farms				Percent of Farms				Percent of Farms			
Northeast ^{2/}	50	61	62	62	40	51	53	60	25	31	33	35	33	48	52	55
\$1,000-9,999	50	60	61	60	40	49	51	58	16	25	25	25	33	49	50	54
\$10,000-99,999	45	59	62	62	33	52	53	58	32	39	40	45	29	47	50	55
\$100,000 and Over	61	63	65	69	54	54	60	66	47	42	50	56	41	45	52	58
\$100,000-249,999	40	51	52	67	33	39	46	63	34	29	36	51	24	33	38	53
\$250,000 and Over	68	85	85	74	62	81	81	72	52	66	71	66	48	68	73	65
Crop Farms	55	65	66	60	45	56	59	58	28	34	39	35	36	54	58	54
Livestock Farms	46	57	59	63	36	48	50	61	22	30	30	36	31	44	46	56
North Central ^{3/}	49	58	61	60	42	53	57	57	26	32	34	34	28	44	50	51
\$1,000-9,999	43	55	57	56	36	49	52	53	13	21	21	21	25	42	47	48
\$10,000-99,999	45	51	56	53	38	45	52	49	25	29	33	32	24	37	45	44
\$100,000 and Over	69	73	75	76	62	69	72	74	52	55	57	59	39	57	62	67
\$100,000-249,999	64	68	70	71	57	63	66	69	45	49	50	50	32	51	55	60
\$250,000 and Over	73	80	82	82	67	76	80	80	57	64	65	68	43	65	72	74
Crop Farms	50	58	61	62	43	52	57	59	27	33	34	35	29	44	50	53
Livestock Farms	48	59	61	58	42	54	57	55	25	32	33	33	26	43	49	50
South ^{4/}	40	48	51	52	32	43	47	49	18	22	23	25	25	37	42	46
\$1,000-9,999	35	42	46	49	28	38	42	46	12	15	16	18	22	33	38	43
\$10,000-99,999	42	52	55	52	35	45	50	49	22	26	28	28	28	38	44	45
\$100,000 and Over	64	71	73	70	56	67	69	68	49	53	55	55	42	57	60	62
\$100,000-249,999	60	66	68	64	52	62	63	61	42	44	44	48	40	49	52	55
\$250,000 and Over	69	76	77	77	64	73	74	74	59	65	65	62	48	66	68	69
Crop Farms	34	48	50	52	28	42	46	50	18	23	24	26	21	37	41	46
Livestock Farms	43	48	51	52	34	43	47	49	18	21	22	25	27	37	42	45
West ^{5/}	64	67	70	69	55	63	66	66	37	39	41	36	41	54	60	62
\$1,000-9,999	60	67	67	69	49	63	63	66	24	31	31	24	36	55	57	62
\$10,000-99,999	60	61	67	63	52	55	62	60	40	37	42	43	37	49	58	57
\$100,000 and Over	80	80	81	75	77	78	79	73	69	66	68	62	59	66	70	68
\$100,000-249,999	72	77	77	73	63	75	75	71	53	57	61	56	48	60	63	66
\$250,000 and Over	82	83	84	76	80	81	82	74	73	74	74	67	62	71	76	70
Crop Farms	62	67	69	67	54	62	63	65	39	41	43	37	44	54	59	60
Livestock Farms	66	69	70	71	56	65	66	67	35	38	39	36	37	56	60	64
United States ^{6/}	47	55	58	58	40	50	54	55	24	29	30	31	29	43	48	51
\$1,000-9,999	42	50	53	55	34	45	49	52	14	20	20	20	25	40	44	48
\$10,000-99,999	46	53	57	54	38	47	52	51	26	30	32	33	27	39	47	46
\$100,000 and Over	68	73	75	74	62	69	72	72	53	55	58	58	43	58	62	65
\$100,000-249,999	63	68	70	69	55	63	66	67	45	47	49	51	36	51	54	59
\$250,000 and Over	73	80	82	79	68	77	79	77	60	66	67	66	48	66	72	72
Crop Farms	47	57	60	60	40	51	55	57	25	31	33	33	29	44	49	52
Livestock Farms	47	55	56	57	39	49	53	54	23	27	27	29	28	42	47	50

^{1/} Economic class refers to sales and government payments received during the previous year.

^{2/} Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

^{3/} Includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin

^{4/} Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia

^{5/} Includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

^{6/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii