

Table 795. Farms—Number, Acreage, and Value by Tenure of Principal Operator and Type of Organization: 1997 and 2002

[2,216 represents 2,216,000. Full owners own all the land they operate. Part owners own a part and rent from others the rest of the land they operate. A principal operator is the person primarily responsible for the on-site, day-to-day operation of the farm or ranch business. Data have been adjusted for coverage; see text this section]

| Item and year | Unit | Total ¹ | Tenure of operator | | | Type of organization | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Full owner | Part owner | Tenant | Family or individual | Partnership | Corporation |
| NUMBER OF FARMS | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | 1,000 | 2,216 | 1,385 | 616 | 215 | 1,923 | 186 | 90 |
| 2002, total | 1,000 | 2,129 | 1,428 | 551 | 150 | 1,910 | 130 | 74 |
| Under 50 acres | 1,000 | 743 | 639 | 64 | 41 | 697 | 24 | 18 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 1,000 | 659 | 487 | 131 | 41 | 611 | 31 | 12 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 1,000 | 389 | 203 | 153 | 33 | 344 | 29 | 12 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 1,000 | 162 | 54 | 91 | 17 | 133 | 17 | 10 |
| 1,000 acres or more | 1,000 | 177 | 46 | 112 | 18 | 125 | 29 | 21 |
| LAND IN FARMS | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | Mil. acres | 955 | 332 | 512 | 111 | 605 | 151 | 133 |
| 2002 | Mil. acres | 938 | 357 | 495 | 87 | 622 | 146 | 108 |
| Value of land and buildings, 2002 ² | Bil. dol. | 1,145 | 495 | 551 | 99 | 836 | 158 | 129 |
| Value of farm products sold, 2002 | Bil. dol. | 201 | 88 | 91 | 22 | 104 | 37 | 57 |

¹ Includes other types, not shown separately. ² Based on a sample of farms.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, *2002 Census of Agriculture*, Vol. 1.