

Table 801. 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.