

**Table 830. Family Farm Household Income and Wealth, 2005 to 2009, and by Gross Sales, 2009**

[In dollars, except for number of farms. Based on Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) Phase III. A family farm is defined as one in which the majority of the ownership of the farm business is held by related individuals. Nearly all farms (97 percent in 2009) are family farms. The farm operator is the person who runs the farm, making the day-to-day management decisions. The operator could be an owner, hired manager, cash tenant, share tenant, and/or a partner. If land is rented or worked on shares, the tenant or renter is the operator. For multiple-operator farms, a principal operator is identified as the individual making most of the day-to-day decisions about the operation. About 40 percent of farms have more than one operator, but three-quarters of these are operated by a husband-wife team. Therefore, both operators are considered part of the principal operator household. Minus sign (-) indicates loss]

Item					2009			
					Total	Gross sales		
	2005	2006	2007	2008		Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 to \$249,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$250,000 or more <sup>2</sup>
Number of family farms . . . . .	2,034,048	2,021,903	2,143,398	2,129,869	2,131,007	1,281,788	639,270	209,949
<b>INCOME PER FAMILY FARM HOUSEHOLD</b>								
Net earnings from farming activities . . . . .	14,227	8,541	11,364	9,764	6,866	-8,661	2,615	114,609
Off-farm income of the household . . . . .	67,091	72,502	77,432	70,032	70,302	75,493	66,562	49,999
Earned income . . . . .	46,034	51,674	58,933	50,761	50,852	56,386	44,729	35,713
Off-farm wages and salaries . . . . .	34,876	38,481	48,947	42,606	43,852	50,119	37,007	26,439
Off-farm business income . . . . .	11,158	13,193	9,986	8,155	7,000	6,267	7,722	9,275
Unearned income . . . . .	35,283	20,827	18,499	19,271	19,450	19,107	21,833	14,286
Total household income, mean <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	81,317	81,043	88,796	79,796	77,169	66,832	69,177	164,609
<b>WEALTH PER FAMILY FARM HOUSEHOLD</b>								
Assets, mean <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	915,210	1,026,389	1,006,020	988,156	1,031,000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farm assets . . . . .	677,118	764,485	739,905	749,190	761,894	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Non-farm assets . . . . .	238,092	261,905	266,115	238,966	269,106	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Debt, mean <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	99,345	99,766	106,874	112,705	115,981	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farm debt . . . . .	54,855	59,731	56,859	61,131	66,149	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Non-farm debt . . . . .	44,491	40,035	50,015	51,574	49,832	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Net worth, mean <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	815,864	926,623	899,146	875,451	915,019	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farm net worth . . . . .	622,264	704,754	683,046	688,059	695,745	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Non-farm net worth . . . . .	193,601	221,869	216,101	187,392	219,274	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Small family farms. Includes rural-residence family farms and intermediate family farms. <sup>2</sup> Large scale family farm. Includes commercial farms. <sup>3</sup> For definition of mean see Guide to Tabular Presentation.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, *Agricultural Income and Finance Situation and Outlook*, December 2010. See also <<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1254>>.

**Table 831. Farm Type, Acreage, and Production: 2000 to 2009**

[(2,166 represents 2,166,000). Based on Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) Phase III]

Type of farm	Unit	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Total farms</b>										
Number of farms . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	2,166	2,152	2,121	2,108	2,095	2,083	2,197	2,192	2,192
Total value of production . . . . .	Mil. dol. . . . .	177,286	182,461	186,644	225,698	215,295	226,045	289,530	299,066	278,051
Total acres operated . . . . .	Mil. . . . .	995	955	912	990	916	893	878	894	913
Acres operated per farm . . . . .	Acres . . . . .	459	444	430	470	437	429	400	408	417
<b>Commercial farms<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of farms . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	178	188	188	205	216	219	257	272	271
Total value of production . . . . .	Mil. dol. . . . .	121,202	126,242	134,627	170,130	166,566	178,104	241,728	249,759	230,717
Total acres operated . . . . .	Mil. . . . .	392	347	341	429	418	382	424	429	443
Acres operated per farm . . . . .	Acres . . . . .	2,205	1,843	1,815	2,096	1,939	1,747	1,650	1,580	1,635
<b>Intermediate farms<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of farms . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	668	649	607	624	550	566	546	583	577
Total value of production . . . . .	Mil. dol. . . . .	41,813	41,981	37,894	38,438	33,872	32,533	30,933	32,718	30,830
Total acres operated . . . . .	Mil. . . . .	392	384	349	342	307	318	237	253	270
Acres operated per farm . . . . .	Acres . . . . .	587	591	576	547	558	561	434	434	469
<b>Rural residence farms<sup>3</sup></b>										
Number of farms . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	1,320	1,315	1,326	1,279	1,329	1,298	1,394	1,338	1,344
Total value of production . . . . .	Mil. dol. . . . .	14,272	14,238	14,124	17,130	14,856	15,408	16,869	16,589	16,521
Total acres operated . . . . .	Mil. . . . .	211	224	221	219	191	193	217	212	200
Acres operated per farm . . . . .	Acres . . . . .	160	170	167	172	144	149	156	158	149

<sup>1</sup> Includes farms with sales of \$250,000 or more. <sup>2</sup> Small family farms whose operators report farming as their major occupation. <sup>3</sup> Includes retirement and residential farms.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, ARMS Phase III—"Structural Characteristics Report," <<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/ARMS/beta.htm>>.