

HIGHLIGHTS OF AGRICULTURE IN WISCONSIN

Farm Production — In 2003, Wisconsin ranked first nationally in the production of cheese (including 68% of domestic Muenster and Brick production and 100% of Limburger production) and dry whey products and second (to California) in the production of milk and butter. In crop production, it ranked first in cranberries, corn for silage, and snap beans for processing. It was among the top five producers of oats, potatoes, tart cherries, carrots, maple syrup, mint for oil, sweet corn for processing, green peas for processing, and cucumbers for pickles. Wisconsin is also the leading producer of mink pelts. As befits the state known as “America’s Dairyland”, Wisconsin had more milk cows than any other state in the nation except California, with almost 1.25 million head, about 14% of the nation’s total.

Cash Receipts and Income — Total net Wisconsin farm income was \$1.625 billion in 2003, an increase of \$482 million from 2001. Wisconsin ranked 11th nationally in total net income in 2003, up from 17th in 2001. California led the nation in farm income for 2003 with \$8.5 billion, while Rhode Island, with \$9.8 million, ranked last.

Total cash receipts for Wisconsin farm products marketed in 2003 amounted to almost \$5.9 billion. California led the nation that year in total cash receipts from farm marketings at \$27.8 billion, while Wisconsin ranked 10th. Dairy products accounted for 48.3% of Wisconsin’s cash receipts from farm marketings in 2003, with food grains and feed and oil crops providing 16.8% and meat animals 14%.

Number and Size of Farms — From 1999 to 2004, the number of farms in the nation declined by 73,810 to 2,113,470; in Wisconsin, the number dropped from about 78,000 to 76,500. Until the 1990s, the number of Wisconsin’s farms had decreased fairly steadily from a peak of 199,877 in 1935, but the decline has slowed in recent years. Wisconsin farmland decreased from 23.5 million acres to 15.6 million acres between 1935 and 2004, and the average farm size increased from 117 acres to 204 acres over the same period.

Marathon and Dane Counties had the largest number of farms in Wisconsin in 2002. Marathon County had 2,898 farms, 332 fewer than in 1998, and Dane County had 2,887 farms, a loss of 243. Grant County had the most farmland in 2002 with 606,000 acres. Adams County had the largest average farm size at 298 acres. Smallest were the Milwaukee County farms, averaging 72 acres.

Value of Farms and Farmland — Land and buildings on Wisconsin farms were valued at about \$35.9 billion in 2003, an increase of \$5.07 billion or 16.5% from 2001. The average value per farm increased from \$400,130 in 2001 to \$469,020 in 2003. The average value per acre in 2003 was \$2,300, an increase of \$350 over 2001.

The average price for agricultural land sold in Wisconsin during 2003 was \$3,268 per acre, a \$447 increase from the \$2,821 average selling price in 2002. Land continuing in agricultural use after sale sold for a statewide average of \$2,480 per acre in 2003; agricultural land that sold for other uses was purchased for an average price of \$5,500 per acre.

Farm Assets and Debts — Wisconsin farms recorded total assets of \$43.4 billion in 2003 and total farm debt of \$6.7 billion for a debt-to-asset ratio of 15.4%, making it 18th highest in the nation, and topping the national average of 14.4%; Arizona had the lowest debt ratio at 3.5%. California’s total farm debt of \$20 billion was the highest among the 50 states. Texas led the nation both in total farm assets (\$111.6 billion) and in equity (\$98.3 billion).

Farm Ownership — According to the 2002 Census of Agriculture, about 68% of the farms in Wisconsin were operated by full owners, and about 27% were operated by part owners. Only about 4.6% of Wisconsin farms were run by tenants. The vast majority of Wisconsin farms (89%) were individually run or operated by family organizations or partnerships, while only a small number were organized as family or nonfamily corporations.

The following tables present selected data. Consult footnoted sources for more detailed information on agriculture.

WISCONSIN'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE, 2003

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin				Leading State in U.S.
		United States (000s)	(000s)	Percent of U.S.	Rank in U.S.	
CASH RECEIPTS						
ALL COMMODITIES		\$211,646,849	5,876,052	2.8%	10	California
Livestock and livestock products		105,470,948	4,093,706	3.9	7	Texas
Crops		106,175,901	1,782,346	1.7	20	California
PRODUCTION						
DAIRY						
Milk production	Lbs	170,312,000	22,266,000	13.1%	2	California
Butter	Lbs	1,242,358	309,264	24.9	2	California
Cheese (excluding cottage cheese)	Lbs	8,597,976	2,276,648	26.5	1	Wisconsin
American	Lbs	3,669,509	828,438	22.6	1	Wisconsin
Swiss	Lbs	264,807	35,776	13.5	2	Ohio
Limburger	Lbs	712	712	100.0	1	Wisconsin
Brick and Muenster	Lbs	89,290	60,330	67.6	1	Wisconsin
Mozzarella	Lbs	2,806,099	776,996	27.7	2	California
Italian	Lbs	3,522,049	1,031,859	29.3	1	Wisconsin
Cottage cheese						
4 or more milkfat	Lbs	385,176	9,455	2.5	10	New York
Less than 4 milkfat	Lbs	380,033	11,809	3.1	6	New York
Whey products						
Dry whey	Lbs	1,086,343	326,670	30.1	1	Wisconsin
Lactose	Lbs	588,455	119,412	20.3	NA	NA
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY						
Cattle and calves, all ¹	Head	94,882	3,350	3.5	9	Texas
Milk cows ¹	Head	8,991	1,245	13.8	2	California
Hogs and pigs, all ²	Head	60,040	490	0.8	16	Iowa
Sheep ¹	Head	6,090	83	1.4	19 ⁵	Texas
Equine ³	Head	5,317	120	2.3	22 ⁶	Texas
Chickens ²	Head	448,748	5,500	1.2	21	Iowa
Broilers	Head	8,266,500	34,400	0.4	19	Georgia
Trout, sold 12" or longer	Lbs	50,716	441	0.9	8	Idaho
Mink pelts	Pelts	2,549	706	27.7	1	Wisconsin
Honey	Lbs	181,096	5,698	3.1	8	California
Eggs	Eggs	87,196,000	1,137,000	1.3	19	Iowa
CROPS						
Corn for grain	Bu	10,113,887	367,650	3.6	8	Iowa
Corn for silage	Tons	105,864	14,080	13.3	1	Wisconsin
Oats	Bu	144,649	15,410	10.7	4	North Dakota
Soybeans	Bu	2,453,665	46,760	1.9	15	Illinois
Wheat, all	Bu	2,336,526	12,300	0.5	23	Kansas
Barley	Bu	276,087	1,925	0.7	16	North Dakota
Hay (dry only), all	Tons	157,123	4,380	2.8	15	Texas
Potatoes, all	Cwt	457,814	32,800	7.2	3	Idaho
Tobacco	Lbs	802,654	4,255	0.5	11	North Carolina
Dry edible beans	Cwt	22,515	124	0.6	16	North Dakota
Cherries, tart	Lbs	226,500	13,300	5.9	4	Michigan
Apples	Lbs	8,613,300	68,000	0.8	12	Washington
Strawberries	Cwt	20,811	45	0.2	10	California
Maple syrup ⁴	Gals	1,507	100	6.6	4	Vermont
Cranberries	Bbl	6,183	3,607	58.3	1	Wisconsin
Mint for oil	Lbs	8,702	241	2.8	5	Washington
Carrots, all	Tons	445	96	21.6	3	Washington
Onions	Cwt	69,695	690	1.0	12	California
Cabbage for fresh market	Cwt	22,364	989	4.4	9	California
Sweet corn for fresh market	Cwt	28,982	629	2.2	12	Florida
Sweet corn for processing	Tons	3,266	681	20.9	3	Minnesota
Green peas for processing	Tons	468	84	18.0	3	Minnesota
Snap beans for processing	Tons	728	271	37.2	1	Wisconsin
Cucumbers for pickles	Tons	648	36	5.6	5	Michigan

Abbreviations: Bbl = barrels, Bu = bushels, Cwt = hundredweight, Gals = gallons, Lbs = pounds, NA = not available.

Note: Wisconsin is also a leading state in the production of turkeys, ducks, ginseng, and forage; Wisconsin's rank is not available for these commodities.

¹January 1, 2004 inventory. ²December 1, 2003 inventory. ³January 1, 1999 inventory. ⁴Data for 2004. ⁵Tied with Michigan. ⁶Tied with Oregon.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Wisconsin's Rank in the Nation's Agriculture, 2003", October 25, 2004, at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wi/misc/rankwi.pdf>; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, "Ranking of 25 Top Producing States in 25 Leading Commodities, 2003", August 24, 2004, and "Cash Receipts and 4 Leading Commodities for the 50 States, 2003", September 16, 2004, at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/firkdmu.htm>; Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service, departmental data, December 2004.

WISCONSIN CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS
By Commodity, 1999 – 2003 (In Thousands)

Commodity	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALL COMMODITIES	\$5,556,488	\$5,366,655	\$5,931,499	\$5,520,802	\$5,876,052
LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY	4,193,688	3,869,650	4,519,941	3,792,248	4,093,706
Meat animals	701,021	816,715	839,680	716,622	823,624
Cattle and calves	600,175	700,966	707,049	627,622	711,340
Hogs	96,133	110,089	127,958	83,915	105,936
Sheep and lambs	4,713	5,660	4,673	5,085	6,348
Milk, wholesale	3,146,262	2,688,309	3,244,752	2,662,650	2,838,258
Poultry and eggs	229,454	236,189	256,750	227,521	249,351
Broilers	57,204	50,184	53,703	43,590	54,180
Chicken eggs	35,741	48,898	51,458	49,312	55,618
Other poultry	43,249	44,229	51,200	51,415	51,475
Miscellaneous livestock	116,951	128,437	178,759	185,455	182,473
Honey	4,080	5,141	4,450	8,911	8,205
Wool	90	62	50	72	120
Trout	1,689	1,732	1,833	1,760	1,677
Other livestock	111,092	118,602	167,126	169,332	167,071
Mink pelts	19,852	24,658	23,123	22,512	20,961
All other livestock*	91,240	93,944	144,003	146,820	146,110
CROPS	1,362,800	1,497,006	1,411,558	1,728,553	1,782,346
Food grains	18,931	20,891	28,550	38,047	39,123
Rye	828	610	NR	NR	NR
Wheat	18,103	20,373	28,250	37,764	38,780
Feed crops	566,366	619,045	510,619	682,807	717,576
Barley	1,385	1,350	852	869	996
Corn	516,274	565,828	451,899	611,702	643,653
Hay	39,534	46,647	51,861	60,533	65,319
Oats	9,173	5,221	6,007	9,702	7,608
Tobacco	6,335	4,198	3,496	5,971	6,680
Oil crops	169,020	205,624	153,716	244,565	230,787
Soybeans	168,257	204,917	153,340	244,247	230,397
Vegetables	342,122	393,583	382,586	378,344	380,751
Beans, dry	3,066	2,822	2,547	2,107	2,868
Potatoes, fall	142,240	189,028	186,466	194,340	179,774
Beans, snap, processing	32,882	34,802	28,008	35,872	30,389
Beets, processing	2,187	2,850	2,146	NA	NA
Cabbage	11,322	12,587	9,711	7,020	9,593
Carrots	6,324	6,759	5,025	6,681	6,300
Corn, sweet	48,637	48,127	54,687	43,831	56,938
Cucumbers, processing	5,643	7,305	5,870	5,366	6,422
Onions, storage	5,523	4,621	3,515	4,755	6,228
Peas, green, processing	19,366	21,464	16,249	13,505	17,373
Miscellaneous vegetables	61,900	61,460	64,050	63,500	63,500
Fruits and nuts	83,223	70,720	83,037	124,037	152,615
Apples	8,916	17,151	15,235	13,856	18,838
Cherries, tart	1,561	2,211	2,654	2,048	5,481
Cranberries	66,118	45,192	58,428	101,615	121,381
Strawberries, spring	5,148	4,576	5,060	4,988	5,265
Other berries	1,350	1,460	1,260	1,100	1,200
All other crops	176,804	182,945	249,553	254,781	254,814
Maple product	1,778	1,800	1,986	2,315	2,212
Mint (peppermint and spearmint)	6,361	5,090	4,903	4,334	2,396
Greenhouse/nursery	165,360	172,001	228,084	234,459	237,827
Floriculture	65,315	65,156	74,584	79,359	82,327
Christmas trees	32,500	37,500	29,000	29,300	29,500

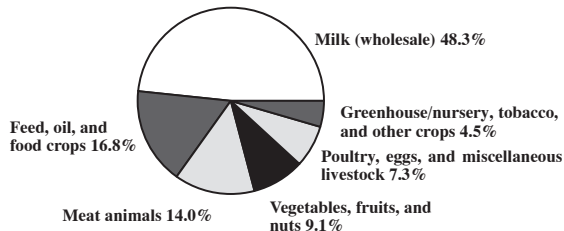
Note: Bold figures indicate category totals of the commodities immediately following and indicate categories included in next higher level of aggregation. Category totals may include amounts for specific commodities not listed separately or that are not listed to provide confidentiality to large producers in concentrated industries.

NA – not available. NR – not for release.

*Horses and mules are included in "all other livestock".

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, "Farm Cash Receipts, 1997-2003", July 29, 2004 at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/FinFidMu.htm>

2003 WISCONSIN CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS
(Percent of All Commodities)



WISCONSIN FARM INCOME AND DEBT, 1999-2003

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of farms	78,000	77,500	77,000	77,000	76,500
Average net farm income per farm (dollars)	\$17,125	\$9,757	\$14,859	\$13,086	\$21,255
Income (in thousands)					
Value of crop production	\$1,487,582	\$1,362,228	\$1,417,892	\$1,816,884	\$1,688,685
Value of livestock production	4,194,759	3,831,296	4,470,012	3,845,161	4,094,337
Revenues from services and forestry	821,982	875,927	1,009,787	938,710	972,685
VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL SECTOR OUTPUT¹ ..	\$6,504,322	\$6,069,452	\$6,897,691	\$6,600,756	\$6,755,707
Less: Purchased inputs ²	3,219,514	3,306,528	3,584,302	3,384,871	3,164,223
Less: Motor vehicle registration and licensing	13,436	12,518	14,455	12,038	7,192
Less: Property taxes	338,174	347,087	337,741	304,052	309,990
Plus: Direct Government payments	503,046	603,213	415,110	330,604	484,302
GROSS VALUE ADDED	\$3,436,244	\$3,006,532	\$3,376,303	\$3,230,399	\$3,758,604
Less: Capital consumption (depreciation)	866,794	920,646	959,886	969,854	965,153
NET VALUE ADDED³	\$2,569,450	\$2,085,886	\$2,416,417	\$2,260,545	\$2,793,451
Less: Factor payments ⁴	1,233,669	1,329,722	1,272,277	1,252,902	1,167,470
NET FARM INCOME⁵	\$1,335,781	\$756,164	\$1,144,140	\$1,007,643	\$1,625,981
Debt (in thousands)					
Farm assets	\$32,405,516	\$36,065,214	\$38,305,768	\$40,780,320	\$43,380,461
Farm debt	5,645,763	5,982,824	6,288,468	6,531,705	6,699,068
Equity	\$26,759,754	\$30,082,390	\$32,017,300	\$34,248,614	\$36,681,393
Ratio:					
Debt/equity	21.1	19.9	19.6	19.1	18.3
Debt/assets	17.4	16.6	16.4	16.0	15.4

¹Value of agricultural sector output is the gross value of the commodities and services produced within a year.

²Includes purchases of feed, livestock, poultry, and seed; outlays for fertilizers and lime, pesticides, fuel and electricity; capital repair and maintenance; and marketing, storage, transportation, contract labor, and other expenses.

³Net value added is the sector's contribution to the national economy and is the sum of the income from production earned by all factors of production, regardless of ownership.

⁴Includes compensation for hired labor, net rent received by nonoperator landlords, and interest payments.

⁵Net farm income is the farm operators' share of income from the sector's production activities.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, "Value added to the U.S. economy by the agricultural sector via the production of goods and services, 1990-2003, Wisconsin", September 4, 2004, at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm> and "Farm business balance sheet, December 31, 1990-2003", October 27, 2004, at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmBalanceSheet/fbsdmu.htm>. Average net farm income calculated by Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. Prior year's numbers have been revised to reflect updated source data.

NUMBER, SIZE AND VALUE OF FARMS IN WISCONSIN, 1935 – 2003

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (acres)	Average Size of Farm (acres)	Value of Land and Buildings		
				Total (in millions)	Average per Farm	Average per Acre
1935	200,000	23,500,000	117	\$1,246	\$6,228	\$53
1940	187,000	22,900,000	123	1,191	6,368	52
1945	178,000	23,600,000	133	1,440	8,088	61
1950	174,000	23,600,000	136	2,100	12,071	89
1955	155,000	23,200,000	150	2,343	15,117	101
1960	138,000	22,200,000	161	2,953	21,396	133
1965	124,000	21,400,000	173	3,317	26,750	155
1970	110,000	20,100,000	183	4,663	42,393	232
1975	100,000	19,300,000	193	8,376	83,762	434
1980	93,000	18,600,000	200	18,674	200,800	1,004
1985	83,000	17,900,000	216	16,898	203,586	944
1990	80,000	17,600,000	220	14,098	176,220	801
1995	80,000	16,800,000	210	17,472	218,400	1,040
1996	79,000	16,600,000	210	18,758	237,443	1,130
1997	79,000	16,500,000	209	19,305	244,367	1,170
1998	78,000	16,300,000	209	20,212	259,128	1,240
1999	78,000	16,200,000	208	23,490	301,154	1,450
2000	77,500	16,000,000	206	27,200	350,968	1,700
2001	77,000	15,800,000	205	30,810	400,130	1,950
2002	77,000	15,700,000	204	33,755	438,377	2,150
2003	76,500	15,600,000	204	35,880	469,020	2,300

Note: "Farm" is defined as a place that sells, or would normally sell, at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year. The actual number of farms in Wisconsin peaked at 199,877 in 1935. "Average Size of Farm", "Value Average per Farm", and "Total" figures calculated by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. Prior years' data have been revised to reflect updated source data.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Farms and Land in Farms", February 2004; "Farm Numbers and Land in Farms: Final Estimates 1998-2002", February 2004; "Agricultural Land Values and Cash Rents – Final Estimates, 1999-2003", March 2004.

CASH RECEIPTS AND INCOME FROM FARMING
By State, 2003
(In Thousands)

State	Cash Receipts				Government Payments ¹	Income		Rank ²
	Livestock		Crops	Total		Gross	Net	
	and Products							
Alabama	\$2,739,169	\$676,129	\$3,415,298	\$220,086	\$4,127,619	\$1,604,440	12	
Alaska	27,580	23,316	50,896	2,021	56,713	10,060	49	
Arizona	1,258,603	1,327,419	2,586,023	134,663	3,028,539	1,077,743	24	
Arkansas	3,215,107	2,083,102	5,298,209	843,675	5,952,183	1,914,275	7	
California	6,992,958	20,811,838	27,804,796	653,657	29,377,486	8,474,761	1	
Colorado	3,675,669	1,288,642	4,964,311	319,967	5,562,475	1,171,639	21	
Connecticut	164,657	320,175	484,832	8,200	560,519	92,894	44	
Delaware	592,662	167,557	760,219	18,533	859,125	155,678	39	
Florida	1,205,816	5,243,767	6,449,583	134,597	6,832,939	1,831,021	8	
Georgia	3,221,872	2,024,456	5,246,328	552,356	6,194,824	2,971,056	4	
Hawaii	85,814	463,539	549,353	1,448	599,650	121,933	41	
Idaho	2,177,350	1,775,893	3,953,243	152,231	4,439,955	1,217,690	20	
ILLINOIS	1,799,851	6,490,106	8,289,958	865,813	9,288,826	1,657,021	9	
Indiana	1,798,954	3,362,656	5,161,609	446,374	5,956,758	1,327,733	17	
IOWA	6,073,014	6,560,188	12,633,200	1,050,621	13,121,662	2,022,623	6	
Kansas	6,178,600	2,867,497	9,046,096	807,739	10,365,146	1,386,902	16	
Kentucky	2,225,703	1,243,300	3,469,002	146,890	4,298,866	863,702	25	
Louisiana	697,345	1,296,021	1,993,366	441,947	2,272,333	710,944	27	
Maine	271,878	226,887	498,765	11,553	562,589	84,415	45	
Maryland	846,612	619,888	1,466,500	66,667	1,756,964	326,809	37	
Massachusetts	87,122	297,624	384,746	14,185	468,569	40,117	46	
MICHIGAN	1,399,301	2,421,523	3,820,824	254,973	4,403,193	444,496	35	
MINNESOTA	4,072,171	4,515,789	8,587,959	787,441	9,248,577	1,568,401	13	
Mississippi	2,164,558	1,246,445	3,411,004	475,825	3,933,735	1,148,406	22	
Missouri	2,628,329	2,344,432	4,972,761	512,358	5,727,626	1,538,969	14	
Montana	1,105,266	786,878	1,892,144	355,806	2,381,953	575,983	31	
Nebraska	6,867,368	3,753,907	10,621,275	725,799	11,960,387	3,227,861	3	
Nevada	254,327	141,474	395,801	11,931	460,456	111,278	42	
New Hampshire	62,206	87,642	149,848	5,978	180,547	16,508	47	
New Jersey	187,852	658,034	845,886	12,095	962,505	127,327	40	
New Mexico	1,596,800	542,790	2,139,590	92,478	2,274,749	715,637	26	
New York	1,914,618	1,224,758	3,139,376	160,965	3,581,349	597,202	30	
North Carolina	4,157,845	2,758,504	6,916,349	361,886	8,839,977	1,628,756	10	
North Dakota	870,197	2,907,322	3,777,519	651,968	4,377,411	1,315,316	19	
Ohio	1,809,452	2,852,781	4,662,233	398,754	6,011,539	1,470,336	15	
Oklahoma	3,504,006	1,022,107	4,526,113	357,988	5,040,851	2,036,673	5	
Oregon	804,856	2,478,876	3,283,732	111,140	3,990,226	493,216	33	
Pennsylvania	2,859,177	1,407,089	4,266,265	182,865	5,034,263	1,106,794	23	
Rhode Island	8,669	48,555	57,224	1,084	65,712	9,789	50	
South Carolina	890,001	754,455	1,644,455	129,078	1,959,377	680,602	28	
South Dakota	2,119,214	1,898,701	4,017,915	548,510	4,786,611	1,320,900	18	
Tennessee	1,070,850	1,267,803	2,338,653	175,661	2,952,786	480,152	34	
Texas	10,311,440	5,030,521	15,341,961	1,666,040	17,966,065	5,939,216	2	
Utah	879,733	258,421	1,138,154	56,400	1,384,942	367,873	36	
Vermont	402,722	78,928	481,650	28,454	561,560	102,266	43	
Virginia	1,532,161	695,131	2,227,292	176,953	2,760,737	528,624	32	
Washington	1,527,072	3,818,220	5,345,292	265,089	5,921,210	680,392	29	
West Virginia	316,990	72,550	389,540	13,155	503,209	14,830	48	
WISCONSIN	4,093,706	1,782,346	5,876,052	484,302	6,755,707	1,625,981	11	
Wyoming	723,726	149,920	873,645	51,206	1,203,854	291,448	38	
UNITED STATES ³	\$105,470,948	\$106,175,899	\$211,646,847	\$15,949,402	\$240,914,848	\$59,228,677		

¹Includes both cash payments and payments-in-kind (PIK).

²Ranking of net income calculated by Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

³Detail may not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service at:
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/receipts/rankings/misc/rk50stat.wk1>, August 4, 2004
http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome/govt_pay/GP2003st.wk1, July 29, 2004
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**NUMBER AND SIZE OF FARMS IN WISCONSIN
By County, 1998 and 2002**

County	1998				2002			
	No. of Farms	Avg. Size of Farms in Acres	Land in Farms		No. of Farms	Avg. Size of Farms in Acres	Land in Farms	
			Acres (in thousands)	Rank			Acres (in thousands)	Rank
Adams	420	317	133	52 ¹	414	298	124	52 ¹
Ashland	230	226	52	64 ¹	227	259	59	64
Barron	1,680	216	363	15	1,647	214	352	12 ¹
Bayfield	380	247	94	58	468	239	112	54
Brown	1,280	170	218	36	1,117	176	197	37
Buffalo	1,170	291	341	19	1,128	280	316	18
Burnett	410	210	86	61	451	218	98	58 ¹
Calumet	840	190	160	45	733	205	150	45
Chippewa	1,750	234	410	6	1,621	231	374	8
Clark	2,230	206	460	4	2,200	210	461	4
Columbia	1,640	220	360	17	1,526	228	348	14
Crawford	1,100	232	255	30	1,278	199	255	30
Dane	3,130	181	568	2	2,887	179	515	3
Dodge	2,150	199	428	5	1,968	205	404	5
Door	840	160	134	51	877	154	135	50
Douglas	310	245	76	62 ¹	391	217	85	62
Dunn	1,680	241	405	7	1,683	237	399	6
Eau Claire	1,110	190	211	37	1,174	174	204	36
Florence	100	200	20	68	1,121	177	21	68
Fond du Lac	1,790	202	361	16	1,634	211	344	15 ¹
Forest	130	223	29	67	164	205	34	67
Grant	2,630	254	667	1	2,490	243	606	1
Green	1,550	215	333	20	1,490	206	307	47
Green Lake	680	221	150	46	670	221	148	20
Iowa	1,610	249	401	8	1,686	218	367	10
Iron	50	200	10	69	62	206	13	69
Jackson	920	269	269	27	914	282	258	26 ¹
Jefferson	1,480	180	267	26	1,421	174	248	31
Juneau	770	245	189	39	805	224	180	40
Kenosha	460	202	93	59	466	190	89	61
Kewaunee	970	181	176	43 ¹	915	190	174	41 ¹
La Crosse	920	203	187	41	868	201	174	41 ¹
Lafayette	1,360	274	373	12	1,205	284	343	17
Langlade	540	246	133	52 ¹	542	260	141	49
Lincoln	510	180	92	60	593	166	98	58 ¹
Manitowoc	1,440	184	265	28 ¹	1,469	175	257	28 ¹
Marathon	3,230	175	565	3	2,898	183	531	2
Marinette	650	229	149	47	729	204	149	46
Marquette	530	257	136	49	624	233	146	48
Menominee*	--	--	--	--	4	89	354 ³	72
Milwaukee	100	80	8	70 ¹	78	72	6	71
Monroe	1,880	194	365	14	1,938	182	352	12 ¹
Oconto	1,110	199	221	35	1,132	193	219	35
Oneida	140	286	40	66	183	279	51	66
Outagamie	1,560	179	279	25	1,430	184	263	25
Ozaukee	500	752	76	62 ¹	502	142	75	63
Pepin	510	224	114	54	501	222	111	55
Pierce	1,520	196	298	22 ¹	1,510	177	267	24
Polk	1,540	194	299	21	1,659	177	293	21
Portage	1,090	271	295	24	1,197	244	292	22
Price	430	235	101	57	477	218	104	57
Racine	650	209	136	49	631	197	124	52 ¹
Richland	1,230	215	265	28 ¹	1,358	190	258	26 ¹
Rock	1,550	248	384	9	1,529	225	344	15 ¹
Rusk	690	255	176	43 ¹	715	242	173	43
St. Croix	1,820	188	342	18	1,864	166	310	11
Sauk	1,730	214	370	13	1,673	211	353	65
Sawyer	220	236	52	64 ¹	230	235	54	23
Shawano	1,570	190	298	22 ¹	1,465	185	271	38
Sheboygan	1,170	174	204	38	1,116	175	195	19
Taylor	1,030	235	242	32	1,056	244	257	28 ¹
Trempealeau	1,670	228	381	10	1,744	211	368	9
Vernon	2,240	169	379	11	2,230	171	382	7
Vilas	50	160	8	70 ¹	71	137	10	70
Walworth	1,020	230	235	34	988	222	220	34
Washburn	420	248	104	56	471	224	105	56
Washington	920	151	139	48	844	154	130	51
Waukesha	750	151	113	55	762	129	98	58 ¹
Waupaca	1,320	189	249	31	1,398	177	247	32
Wausara	740	254	188	40	717	269	193	39
Winnebago	1,010	181	183	42	963	177	170	44
Wood	1,150	209	240	33	1,108	206	228	33
STATE ²	78,000	210	16,400		77,131	204	15,742	

Note: "Farm" is defined as a place that sells, or would normally sell, at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year. USDA Census of Agriculture data may differ from USDA estimates in other tables.

*Menominee County did not report separately in 1998.

¹Tied. ²State totals as recorded by source document. ³354 total acres of farmland reported. Number is not in thousands.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Number of Farms, Average Size, and Land in Farms: by Counties, Wisconsin, 1997-98" at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wi/farmno.htm> [March 19,1999], and "2002 Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Chapter 2: Wisconsin County Level Data", June 2004 at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/census02/volume1/wi/st55_2_001_001.pdf. Rank calculated by Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

NUMBER AND ACREAGE OF FARMS By State, 1999 and 2004

State	Number of Farms		Farm Acreage (in thousands)		Average Farm Size (acres)	
	1999	2004	1999	2004	1999	2004
Alabama	48,000	44,000	9,200	8,700	192	198
Alaska	580	620	910	900	1,569	1,452
Arizona*	10,900	10,200	27,000	26,400	2,474	2,588
Arkansas	48,500	47,500	14,650	14,400	302	303
California	85,000	77,000	28,100	26,700	330	347
Colorado	30,000	30,900	31,900	30,900	1,063	1,000
Connecticut	4,250	4,200	370	360	87	86
Delaware	2,600	2,300	570	530	219	230
Florida	45,000	43,000	10,500	10,100	234	235
Georgia	49,000	49,000	11,000	10,700	224	218
Hawaii	5,500	5,500	1,420	1,300	258	236
Idaho	24,500	25,000	11,900	11,800	486	472
ILLINOIS	79,000	73,000	27,600	27,500	349	377
Indiana	64,800	59,300	15,400	15,000	237	253
IOWA	95,000	89,700	32,800	31,700	345	353
Kansas	65,000	64,500	47,500	47,200	731	732
Kentucky	91,000	85,000	13,600	13,800	149	162
Louisiana	30,000	27,200	8,130	7,850	271	289
Maine	7,100	7,200	1,320	1,370	186	190
Maryland	12,600	12,100	2,160	2,050	171	169
Massachusetts	6,100	6,100	540	520	89	85
MICHIGAN	53,000	53,200	10,190	10,100	192	190
MINNESOTA	81,000	79,800	28,200	27,600	348	346
Mississippi	42,000	42,200	11,220	11,050	267	262
Missouri	110,000	106,000	30,200	30,100	275	284
Montana	27,800	28,000	59,200	60,100	2,129	2,146
Nebraska	54,000	48,300	46,300	45,900	857	950
Nevada	3,150	3,000	6,400	6,300	2,032	2,100
New Hampshire	3,300	3,400	440	450	133	132
New Jersey	9,600	9,900	830	820	86	83
New Mexico*	18,000	17,500	45,100	44,700	2,506	2,554
New York	37,500	36,000	7,710	7,600	208	211
North Carolina	58,000	52,000	9,300	9,000	160	173
North Dakota	31,000	30,300	39,400	39,400	1,271	1,300
Ohio	79,000	77,300	14,850	14,600	188	189
Oklahoma	84,000	83,500	33,900	33,700	404	404
Oregon	40,000	40,000	17,300	17,200	433	430
Pennsylvania	59,300	58,200	7,670	7,700	129	132
Rhode Island	800	850	60	60	75	71
South Carolina	25,000	24,400	4,940	4,850	198	199
South Dakota	32,500	31,600	44,000	43,800	1,354	1,386
Tennessee	89,000	85,000	11,900	11,600	134	136
Texas	227,500	229,000	131,100	130,000	576	568
Utah	15,500	15,300	11,600	11,600	748	758
Vermont	6,700	6,400	1,300	1,250	194	195
Virginia	49,000	47,500	8,730	8,600	178	181
Washington	38,000	35,000	15,650	15,200	412	434
West Virginia	21,000	20,800	3,600	3,600	171	173
WISCONSIN	78,000	76,500	16,200	15,500	208	203
Wyoming	9,200	9,200	34,600	34,440	3,755	3,743
UNITED STATES	2,187,280	2,113,470	948,460	936,600	434	443

Note: "Farm" is defined as a place that sells, or would normally sell, at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year.

*Includes individual farms on reservation land.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Farm Numbers and Land in Farms, Final Estimates 1998-2002", February 2004, and "Farms, Land in Farms and Livestock, Summary 2004", January 2005.

WISCONSIN FARM OPERATORS By County, 2002

County	Tenure of Operator				Type of Organization				
	Total Farms	Full Owners	Part Owners	Tenants	Individual or Family	Partnership	Family-held Corporation	Corporation	
								Family-held	Other*
Adams	414	303	97	14	350	40	20	2	2
Ashland	227	153	73	1	213	10	4	--	--
Barron	1,647	1,086	500	61	1,514	67	63	--	3
Bayfield	468	313	142	13	420	24	20	--	4
Brown	1,117	726	324	67	983	95	37	1	1
Buffalo	1,128	792	291	45	996	88	37	5	2
Burnett	451	302	136	13	418	22	7	1	3
Calumet	733	408	289	36	640	47	41	4	1
Chippewa	1,621	1,106	466	49	1,500	84	33	3	1
Clark	2,200	1,407	697	96	2,070	97	32	--	1
Columbia	1,526	1,009	437	80	1,348	126	39	4	9
Crawford	1,278	939	284	55	1,136	115	22	--	5
Dane	2,887	1,971	719	197	2,470	283	95	15	24
Dodge	1,968	1,247	612	109	1,721	152	83	8	4
Door	877	625	231	21	795	52	25	2	3
Douglas	391	273	107	11	372	8	6	4	1
Dunn	1,683	1,212	417	54	1,536	98	43	2	4
Eau Claire	1,174	896	248	30	1,096	55	17	2	4
Florence	121	81	36	4	108	9	4	--	--
Fond du Lac	1,634	1,006	541	87	1,415	133	66	10	10
Forest	164	119	43	2	151	11	--	--	2
Grant	2,490	1,726	601	163	2,185	234	46	5	20
Green	1,490	1,035	346	109	1,300	137	45	2	6
Green Lake	670	450	199	21	572	64	25	3	6
Iowa	1,686	1,237	355	94	1,462	174	39	4	7
Iron	62	43	17	2	57	2	3	--	--
Jackson	914	663	224	27	808	60	41	3	2
Jefferson	1,421	960	383	78	1,274	94	43	6	4
Juneau	805	589	192	24	726	62	13	2	2
Kenosha	466	300	128	38	371	40	49	3	3
Kewaunee	915	606	301	8	827	62	22	3	1
La Crosse	868	607	224	37	782	66	16	--	4
Lafayette	1,205	804	299	102	1,065	112	18	7	3
Langlade	542	360	160	22	456	41	42	1	2
Lincoln	593	375	186	32	526	41	24	--	2
Manitowoc	1,469	928	492	49	1,338	90	36	2	3
Marathon	2,898	1,896	857	145	2,614	162	116	3	3
Marinette	729	505	203	21	661	44	16	2	6
Marquette	624	456	159	9	563	40	13	1	7
Menominee	4	3	--	1	3	1	--	--	--
Milwaukee	78	51	18	9	67	8	--	--	2
Monroe	1,938	1,427	440	71	1,744	127	58	4	5
Oconto	1,132	749	332	51	1,050	61	20	--	1
Oneida	183	150	32	1	155	10	9	5	4
Outagamie	1,430	906	448	76	1,264	104	52	6	4
Ozaukee	533	341	143	49	456	34	36	4	3
Pepin	501	343	146	12	431	53	13	2	2
Pierce	1,510	1,082	379	49	1,355	72	66	3	14
Polk	1,659	1,194	420	45	1,542	72	36	2	7
Portage	1,197	779	358	60	1,057	81	52	5	2
Price	477	304	163	10	452	18	6	1	--
Racine	631	396	187	48	540	53	37	--	1
Richland	1,358	1,029	290	39	1,201	116	31	1	9
Rock	1,529	1,013	401	115	1,347	100	66	3	13
Rusk	715	444	251	20	650	42	22	1	--
St. Croix	1,864	1,412	377	75	1,672	109	64	3	16
Sauk	1,673	1,169	429	75	1,411	165	80	7	10
Sawyer	230	148	71	11	211	5	2	1	5
Shawano	1,465	922	515	28	1,325	92	44	3	1
Sawyer	1,116	636	414	66	984	74	50	3	5
Taylor	1,056	676	348	32	991	39	22	3	1
Trempealeau	1,744	1,312	377	55	1,567	133	31	4	9
Vernon	2,230	1,565	569	96	2,054	136	24	4	12
Vilas	71	52	11	8	51	3	14	1	2
Walworth	988	597	259	132	782	83	96	7	20
Washburn	471	324	137	10	434	17	12	3	5
Washington	844	508	273	63	722	75	43	4	--
Waukesha	762	536	166	60	662	55	38	3	4
Waupaca	1,398	921	441	36	1,277	78	41	1	1
Waushara	717	497	195	25	606	62	38	1	10
Winnebago	963	623	285	55	829	77	47	5	5
Wood	1,108	747	314	47	988	58	51	7	4
STATE	77,131	52,370	21,205	3,556	68,719	5,347	2,519	207	339

*Includes cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, *2002 Census of Agriculture*, Volume I, Chapter 2: Wisconsin County Level Data, June 2004 at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/census02/volume1/wi/st55_2_040_040.pdf.

WISCONSIN TOTAL AGRICULTURAL LAND SALES By County, 2002 and 2003

County ¹	Total Agricultural Land Sales ²				Land Continuing in Agricultural Use		Agricultural Land Diverted to Other Uses	
	Number		Dollar Avg. per Acre		Dollar Avg. per Acre		Dollar Avg. per Acre	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Adams	18	20	\$1,787	\$2,195	\$1,802	\$2,318	\$1,690	\$2,037
Ashland	10	16	741	1,254	808	702	489	1,635
Barron	85	93	1,423	1,681	1,724	1,724	1,948	1,518
Bayfield	24	30	766	1,629	618	1,332	988	2,190
Brown	16	26	5,564	17,569	2,400	3,302	7,546	21,584
Buffalo	57	58	1,594	1,627	1,503	1,534	1,782	1,748
Burnett	41	32	1,357	1,821	1,395	1,735	1,147	1,927
Calumet	26	26	4,074	2,875	2,124	2,844	11,558	4,103
Chippewa	86	84	1,732	1,598	1,627	1,460	1,889	2,284
Clark	107	112	1,493	1,382	1,501	1,361	1,368	1,618
Columbia	61	64	3,063	3,447	2,730	3,149	3,560	4,310
Crawford	60	38	1,593	1,771	1,468	1,502	1,865	2,032
Dane	84	72	7,458	8,747	5,336	5,403	12,249	16,073
Dodge	55	85	2,863	3,257	2,665	3,135	3,804	4,167
Door	17	22	2,601	3,138	2,528	2,404	2,670	3,936
Douglas	15	17	738	1,753	751	1,250	711	2,573
Dunn	69	97	1,773	2,238	1,725	1,885	1,844	2,815
Eau Claire	57	47	1,905	2,430	1,959	2,297	1,656	2,890
Florence	11	8	1,956	1,670	1,837	1,867	2,337	1,313
Fond du Lac	50	48	2,936	3,314	2,474	2,843	6,520	6,111
Forest	3	3	1,506	2,823	1,506	—	—	2,823
Grant	71	82	1,834	2,155	1,807	2,010	2,043	2,757
Green	47	55	2,073	2,804	1,860	2,557	2,476	5,616
Green Lake	26	17	2,703	2,732	2,643	2,732	3,447	—
Iowa	72	81	2,356	2,563	2,280	2,527	2,495	4,403
Iron	5	1	752	900	681	—	802	900
Jackson	47	48	1,186	1,622	1,187	1,407	1,129	2,092
Jefferson	29	46	3,371	4,757	3,251	4,313	3,932	9,214
Juneau	34	29	1,562	1,780	1,493	1,609	1,844	2,133
Kenosha	15	13	10,328	17,407	8,687	8,206	18,282	27,244
Kewaunee	21	21	2,292	2,284	2,010	2,298	3,942	1,963
La Crosse	22	33	2,389	3,816	1,919	2,930	2,727	3,980
Lafayette	82	59	2,156	2,287	2,157	2,285	2,150	2,600
Langlade	35	31	1,608	1,623	1,418	1,182	2,772	2,309
Lincoln	25	28	1,065	2,123	1,125	1,213	951	2,585
Manitowoc	45	24	2,526	2,280	2,227	1,996	3,740	3,560
Marathon	111	112	1,855	2,023	1,593	1,831	2,912	2,639
Marinette	30	21	1,989	2,411	2,099	2,348	1,628	2,555
Marquette	27	20	2,347	2,422	2,088	2,139	3,628	7,259
Milwaukee	1	3	17,925	31,675	—	—	17,925	31,675
Monroe	70	58	1,799	2,152	1,740	2,005	1,990	2,544
Oconto	38	27	2,128	2,037	2,118	1,554	2,169	3,050
Oncida	8	7	1,705	1,049	1,811	998	1,024	1,453
Outagamie	43	41	3,961	7,969	2,356	4,038	6,259	9,748
Ozaukee	23	10	8,681	13,518	7,857	4,253	11,886	24,196
Pepin	13	19	2,033	2,029	2,062	1,917	1,991	2,370
Pierce	42	39	2,791	3,396	2,366	2,514	3,689	4,855
Polk	79	84	2,276	3,055	2,120	3,092	2,700	2,954
Portage	43	44	1,770	1,960	1,831	1,880	1,658	2,340
Price	40	29	983	1,244	987	667	966	1,423
Racine	21	21	7,372	6,720	5,680	5,564	9,959	9,638
Richland	53	57	1,802	2,147	1,944	2,025	1,421	2,303
Rock	45	41	2,980	3,400	2,796	3,339	3,587	3,950
Rusk	39	59	1,027	1,316	1,066	1,374	969	1,236
St. Croix	68	83	6,281	5,322	2,956	4,034	7,929	6,637
Sauk	54	84	2,134	3,145	2,044	2,668	2,426	12,506
Sawyer	22	16	4,332	2,050	4,394	2,555	3,936	1,939
Shawano	76	61	1,949	2,170	2,030	2,240	1,346	2,058
Sheboygan	34	38	3,693	4,436	2,882	3,377	5,972	6,785
Taylor	67	88	1,018	1,314	1,043	1,319	1,301	1,801
Trempealeau	63	54	1,525	1,710	1,514	1,725	1,571	1,688
Vernon	92	85	1,748	1,988	1,712	1,903	1,931	2,247
Vilas	1	1	1,000	1,463	—	—	1,000	1,463
Walworth	41	44	4,685	6,338	3,879	5,255	7,072	11,797
Washburn	35	18	1,485	1,531	1,482	1,566	1,490	1,487
Washington	39	30	7,743	9,248	6,459	6,481	8,647	10,567
Waukesha	30	26	13,285	17,647	4,902	17,320	18,372	17,689
Waupaca	40	38	2,624	2,313	2,394	2,137	3,713	3,739
Waushara	26	29	1,969	2,421	1,780	2,176	2,915	6,587
Winnebago	27	24	5,638	5,964	4,568	3,719	7,178	13,913
Wood	34	30	1,519	1,736	1,469	1,581	1,683	2,078
STATE	3,003	3,005	\$2,821	\$3,268	\$2,251	\$2,480	\$4,514	\$5,500

¹Menominee County had no agricultural sales in years shown.

²Includes land with and without buildings and other improvements.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Agricultural Land Sales: Total Agricultural Land, Wisconsin, 2002" at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wi/landsales/total02.pdf> and "Agricultural Land Sales: Total Agricultural Land, Wisconsin, 2003" at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wi/landsales/total03.pdf>.

**FARM ASSETS AND DEBT
By State, 2003**

State	Number of Farms ¹	Total Farm Assets ²	Total Farm Debt ²	Total Farm Equity ²	Debt as Percentage of Assets
		(in thousands)			
Alabama	45,000	\$18,902,697	\$2,360,894	\$16,541,803	12.5%
Alaska	610	689,891	25,579	664,313	3.7
Arizona	10,300	44,563,325	1,574,549	42,988,776	3.5
Arkansas	47,500	25,970,336	4,883,911	21,086,425	18.8
California	78,500	96,474,966	19,955,205	76,519,760	20.7
Colorado	31,400	27,348,304	4,143,010	23,205,294	15.2
Connecticut	4,200	2,844,396	337,822	2,506,573	11.9
Delaware	2,300	1,941,015	433,220	1,507,795	22.3
Florida	44,000	34,336,453	5,371,732	28,964,720	15.6
Georgia	49,300	30,027,371	4,114,917	25,912,455	13.7
Hawaii	5,500	4,435,495	282,687	4,152,809	6.4
Idaho	25,000	18,978,686	3,289,403	15,689,283	17.3
ILLINOIS	73,000	87,252,034	10,479,532	76,772,502	12.0
Indiana	59,500	46,121,413	6,390,681	39,730,732	13.9
IOWA	90,000	83,633,920	14,433,584	69,200,336	17.3
Kansas	64,500	38,766,242	7,819,804	30,946,438	20.2
Kentucky	87,000	29,972,936	3,906,624	26,066,312	13.0
Louisiana	27,200	12,769,068	1,976,353	10,792,715	15.5
Maine	7,200	2,222,561	423,054	1,799,507	19.0
Maryland	12,100	9,222,160	1,283,283	7,938,877	13.9
Massachusetts	6,100	4,275,529	444,723	3,830,805	10.4
MICHIGAN	53,300	30,380,255	3,513,463	26,866,791	11.6
MINNESOTA	80,000	56,051,737	9,982,317	46,069,420	17.8
Mississippi	42,800	16,959,592	3,201,558	13,758,035	18.9
Missouri	106,000	53,947,099	6,725,191	47,221,908	12.5
Montana	28,000	27,045,575	2,899,686	24,145,889	10.7
Nebraska	48,500	48,175,692	10,085,285	38,090,407	20.9
Nevada	3,000	3,611,740	302,635	3,309,105	8.4
New Hampshire	3,400	1,150,647	123,039	1,027,607	10.7
New Jersey	9,900	7,241,490	538,626	6,702,864	7.4
New Mexico	17,500	12,318,563	1,612,220	10,706,343	13.1
New York	37,000	16,408,819	2,808,312	13,600,506	17.1
North Carolina	53,500	30,897,491	4,235,354	26,662,137	13.7
North Dakota	30,300	25,925,517	4,356,822	21,568,695	16.8
Ohio	77,600	44,588,994	4,898,469	39,690,525	11.0
Oklahoma	83,500	30,188,488	4,717,099	25,471,389	15.6
Oregon	40,000	20,973,710	2,763,202	18,210,508	13.2
Pennsylvania	58,200	26,551,730	3,230,000	23,321,730	12.2
Rhode Island	850	469,401	45,931	423,470	9.8
South Carolina	24,400	9,726,996	1,330,489	8,396,507	13.7
South Dakota	31,600	28,648,075	4,478,554	24,169,521	15.6
Tennessee	87,000	30,989,554	3,013,393	27,976,162	9.7
Texas	229,000	111,624,300	13,286,228	98,338,072	11.9
Utah	15,300	13,299,893	951,097	12,348,796	7.2
Vermont	6,500	3,216,821	435,239	2,781,582	13.5
Virginia	47,500	24,594,227	2,441,010	22,153,218	9.9
Washington	35,500	22,291,709	3,788,155	18,503,555	17.0
West Virginia	20,800	5,438,532	455,584	4,982,947	8.4
WISCONSIN	76,500	43,380,461	6,699,068	36,681,393	15.4
Wyoming	9,200	11,911,347	1,149,582	10,761,765	9.7
UNITED STATES³	2,126,860	\$1,378,757,252	\$197,998,175	\$1,180,759,076	14.4%

¹“Farm” is defined as a place that sells, or would normally sell, at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year.

²Dollar amounts represent farm businesses, excluding household assets and debts.

³Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, “Farms and Land in Farms, February 2004” at: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/other/zfl-bb/fmno0204.pdf>, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service reports on value of total farm assets, debt, equity and ratio of debt/assets at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmBalanceSheet/50tsbsh.htm>.