

Since the last American Samoa Census of Agriculture was conducted in 2018, the number of farms with less than 1 acre increased significantly while the amount of land in farms decreased significantly.

What is a "farm"? The American Samoa Census of Agriculture defines a farm as any place with agricultural activity. Commercial farms are defined as having \$100 or more in actual sales.

The census measures both the amount of agricultural product sold as well as the value consumed by farm households. In 2023, farms on American Samoa produced \$35.3 million in agricultural products, of which \$6.1 million was sold, and \$29.2 million was consumed by farm households.

7,157 farms



9,253 acres



1.3 acres average farm size



Farms and Land

In 2023, American Samoa had 7,157 farms, up 13% or 828 farms from 2018. These farms accounted for 9,253 acres of farmland, or 18.9% of all land in American Samoa. This was a decline of 5,151 acres (36%) from the 2018 level.

During the same time, the average farm size decreased from 2.3 acres in 2018 to 1.3 acres in 2023, representing a 44% drop.

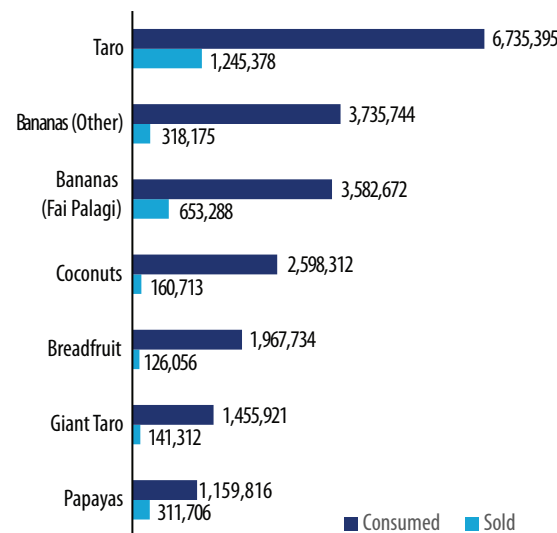
Between 2018 and 2023, the smallest farm size (less than 1 acre) showed the largest increase, from 2,232 farms in 2018 to 3,039 farms in 2023.

Farm Counts by Size

	2018	2023
Less than 1 acre	2,232	3,039
1-2.9 acres	2,803	3,372
3-4.9 acres	730	519
5-9.9 acres	429	206
10-19.9 acres	103	16
20 acres or more	32	5

In 2023, almost 90% of all farms in American Samoa were less than 3 acres in size.

Selected Commodities by Amount Consumed and Sold (dollars)



Top Counties by Number of Farms, 2023

	Farms	Acres
Tualauta County	2,665	3,492
Ma'oputasi County	996	999
Lealataua County	812	1,139
Ituau County	730	847
Tualatai County	547	845
Sua County	502	409
Leasina County	342	732
Vaifanua County	266	390

SNAPSHOT American Samoa Farmers, 2023

	(percent)
Sex	
Male	62
Female	38
Age	
< 35	6
35 to 44	15
45 to 54	28
55 to 64	27
65+	24
Lived on farm	91
Years on farm	
<10	37
10+	63
Days worked off farm	
None	14
1-199	76
200+	10
Primary occupation	
Farming	55
Other	45

97%

The percentage of producers who identified as Samoan.

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