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USDA Releases 2022 Census of Agriculture Data Down to the County Level

Portland, Oregon – February 13, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) today announced the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, spanning more than 6 million data points about America’s farms and ranches and the people who operate them down to the county level. The information collected directly from producers shows a decline in the total number of Oregon farms. The full Census of Agriculture report as well as publication dates for additional ag census data products can be found at nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. Ag census data can also be found in NASS’s searchable online database, Quick Stats.

“We are pleased to provide updated Census of Agriculture data to all those who serve U.S. agriculture, especially the producers who gave their time to complete the questionnaire. Census of Agriculture data tell a story. This comprehensive snapshot every five years helps data users to see trends and shifts in the industry over time and helps producers do business,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “Overall, though there are always changes across U.S. agriculture, the data remain largely consistent with the previous ag census. Data users will also notice some new data on the topics of hemp, precision agriculture, and internet access.”

Ag census data provide valuable insights into demographics, economics, land use and activities on Oregon farms and ranches such as:

- There were 35,547 farms and ranches in Oregon (down 6% from 2017) with an average size of 430 acres (up 1%) on 15.3 million acres of farmland (down 4%). That is 25% of all land in Oregon.
- Family-owned and operated farms accounted for 96% of all Oregon farms and operated 84% of land in farms.
- Oregon farms and ranches produced \$6.77 billion in agricultural products, up from \$5.01 billion in 2017. With farm production expenses of \$6.35 billion, Oregon farms had net cash income of \$930 million. Average farm income rose to \$26,172. A total of 31% of Oregon farms had positive net cash farm income in 2022.
- Oregon farms with internet access continued to rise from 86% in 2017 to 88% in 2022.
- A total of 3,508 Oregon farms and ranches used renewable energy producing systems compared to 2,845 farms in 2017, a 23% increase. Of the Oregon farms with renewable energy systems, 90% reported using solar panels.
- In 2022, 4,550 Oregon farms sold directly to consumers, with sales of \$117 million. Value of sales increased 38% from 2017.
- The 1,211 farms with sales of \$1 million or more were 3% of Oregon farms. They sold 76% of all agricultural products in Oregon.
- The average age of all Oregon producers was 58.6, up 0.7 years from 2017.

- There were 21,898 Oregon farmers with 10 or fewer years of experience, an increase in the number of beginning farmers from 2017 of 14%. Beginning farmers in Oregon are younger than all farmers, with an average age of 48.2.
- The number of Oregon producers under age 35 was 4,899, comprising 7% of all Oregon producers. The 3,709 Oregon farms with young producers making decisions tend to be larger than average in both acres and sales.
- In 2022, 30,150 female producers accounted for 44% of all Oregon producers. Seventy-six percent of all Oregon farms had at least one female decision maker.

The national response rate for the 2022 Census of Agriculture was 61%; more than 40% of responses were submitted online. To address questions about the 2022 Census of Agriculture data, NASS will host a live X Stat Chat ([@usda_nass](#)) for the public on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. EST. Ag census data highlight publications are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights.

First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census and conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – the Census of Agriculture remains the most comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

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