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USDA releases 2022 Census of Agriculture data down to the county level

CHEYENNE, WY – 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 decrease in the total number of Wyoming farms. However, the data also show a less than one percent drop in land in farms for the state. 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 Wyoming farms and ranches such as:

- There were 10,544 farms and ranches in Wyoming (down 12% from 2017) with an average size of 2,729 acres (up 12%) on 28.8 million acres of farmland (down 0.8%).
- Family-owned and operated farms accounted for 93% of all Wyoming farms, nearly the same as the 94% from the 2017 Census of Agriculture.
- Wyoming farms and ranches produced \$1.60 billion in agricultural products, up from \$1.47 billion in 2017. Livestock operations accounted for 78% of the total value of production, while crops operations represented 22%. With farm production expenses of \$1.53 billion, Wyoming farms had net cash income of \$2.99 billion. Average farm income rose to \$28,383.
- Wyoming farms with internet access rose from 80% in 2017 to 84% in 2022.
- A total of 1,461 Wyoming farms and ranches used renewable energy producing systems compared to 1,421 farms in 2017, remaining steady. The majority of Wyoming farms (92%) with renewable energy systems reported using solar panels.
- In 2022, 491 Wyoming farms sold directly to consumers, with sales of \$4.73 million. Value of sales increased 34% from 2017.
- The 293 farms with sales of \$1 million or more were 2.8% of Wyoming farms and represented 49.2% of sales. The 7,228 Wyoming farms with sales of \$50,000 or less accounted for 68.5% of farms and 3.6% of sales.

- The average age of all Wyoming producers was 58.5, up 1.4 years from 2017. This is a larger increase than average age increases between prior censuses.
- There were 5,500 Wyoming farmers with 10 or fewer years of experience, a decrease in the number of beginning farmers from 2017 of 13%. Beginning farmers in Wyoming are younger than all farmers, with an average age of 47.3.
- The number of Wyoming producers under age 35 was 1,833, comprising 9% of all Wyoming producers. The 1,368 Wyoming farms with young producers making decisions tend to be smaller than average in acres, but larger in sales.
- In 2022, 8,313 female producers accounted for 41% of all Wyoming producers, compared to 36% of all U.S. producers. Seventy percent of all Wyoming 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. Wyoming's response rate was 58.4% with 41% of responses being 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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