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<u>Farms</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Total number of farms	465	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	175,914	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	60	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	378	169
Proportion of land area in farms	62.9%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	465	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	208	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	288	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	58.5	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	16	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	431	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	34	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	23.3	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	35	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	88	17,257



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	331	58,664
Part owner	113	15,250
Tenant	21	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	370	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$3,699,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	25	10,820
Unpaid labor*	344	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$63,989,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$137,611	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$78,596,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$169,023	\$65,755

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Farms	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total number of farms	869	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	128,509	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	84	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	148	169
Proportion of land area in farms	70.1%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	869	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	420	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	562	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	59.3	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	42	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	762	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	107	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.3	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	69	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	182	17,257



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	674	58,664
Part owner	168	15,250
Tenant	27	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	853	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$3,015,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	211	10,820
Unpaid labor*	793	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$30,134,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$34,677	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$30,669,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$35,293	\$65,755

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Farmer	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<u>Farms</u>		
Total number of farms	298	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	141,131	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	85	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	474	169
Proportion of land area in farms	91.0%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	298	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	158	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	156	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	58.0	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	19	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	251	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	47	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	25.5	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	25	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	54	17,257



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	211	58,664
Part owner	71	15,250
Tenant	16	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	322	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$3,663,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	14	10,820
Unpaid labor*	182	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$128,337,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$430,662	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$159,238,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$534,357	\$65,755

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Farme	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Farms Total number of farms	731	77,064
	162,955	13,049,347
Land in farms (in acres)	102,955	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	84	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	223	169
Proportion of land area in farms	47.0%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	731	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	296	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	437	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	58.3	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	38	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	632	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	99	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.6	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	75	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	142	17,257



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	557	58,664
Part owner	141	15,250
Tenant	33	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	450	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$3,547,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	50	10,820
Unpaid labor*	711	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$88,199,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$120,655	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$107,727,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$147,369	\$65,755

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Farms	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Farms	F00	77.074
Total number of farms	588	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	77,803	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	80	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	132	169
Proportion of land area in farms	35.2%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	588	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	181	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	419	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	56.8	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	40	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	536	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	52	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.7	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	49	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	121	17,257



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Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	412	58,664
Part owner	141	15,250
Tenant	35	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	385	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$410,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	n/a	10,820
Unpaid labor*	653	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$13,824,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$23,510	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$9,863,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$16,773	\$65,755

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Forms	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Farms Tatal number of forms	202	77.0/4
Total number of farms	382	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	23,088	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	21	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	60	169
Proportion of land area in farms	9.5%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	382	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	168	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	237	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	61.1	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	6	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	304	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	78	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	24.1	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	25	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	65	17,257



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Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	317	58,664
Part owner	43	15,250
Tenant	22	3,150
<u>Farm Workers</u>		
Hired farm labor	417	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$3,015,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	56	10,820
Unpaid labor*	388	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$12,240,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$32,042	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$7,771,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$20,342	\$65,755

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Farms	//0	77.07.4
Total number of farms	668	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	83,644	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	51	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	125	169
Proportion of land area in farms	75.9%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	668	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	258	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	426	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	61.0	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	23	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	559	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	109	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.8	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	54	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	140	17,257



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Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	486	58,664
Part owner	128	15,250
Tenant	54	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	735	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$4,153,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	52	10,820
Unpaid labor*	578	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$29,237,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$43,768	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$25,014,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$37,446	\$65,755

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<u>Farms</u>		
Total number of farms	196	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	24,296	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	89	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	124	169
Proportion of land area in farms	14.5%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	196	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	62	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	126	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	57.0	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	9	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	179	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	17	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	20.4	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	9	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	58	17,257



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	158	58,664
Part owner	35	15,250
Tenant	3	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	176	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$242,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,820
Unpaid labor*	259	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$2,517,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$12,841	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$1,286,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$6,562	\$65,755

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Forms	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	
Farms Total number of farms	459	77.044	
		77,064	
Land in farms (in acres)	38,144	13,049,347	
Median size of farm (in acres)	48	75	
Average size of farm (in acres)	83	169	
Proportion of land area in farms	37.2%	51.6%	
Principal Operators			
Total Number of Principal Operators	459	77,064	
<u>Work</u>			
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation			
is farming	160	32,137	
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	303	49,548	
Age and Sex			
Average age of principal operators	58.0	57.6	
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	23	4,479	
Number of principal operators who are male	408	68,864	
Number of principal operators who are female	51	8,200	
Length of Time Farming			
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	24.9	22.4	
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	27	6,618	
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	92	17,257	



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Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	357	58,664
Part owner	81	15,250
Tenant	21	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	332	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$995,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	46	10,820
Unpaid labor*	722	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$9,480,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$20,654	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$5,267,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$11,475	\$65,755

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<u>Farms</u>	40	77.074
Total number of farms	42	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	6,743	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	61	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	161	169
Proportion of land area in farms	3.0%	51.6%
Principal Operators		
Total Number of Principal Operators	42	77,064
<u>Work</u>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation		
is farming	8	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	33	49,548
Age and Sex		
Average age of principal operators	54.6	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	1	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	42	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	0	8,200
Length of Time Farming		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	17.9	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	4	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	10	17,257



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Principal Operators (continued)		
<u>Tenure</u>		
Number of farms where principal operator is		
Full owner	28	58,664
Part owner	12	15,250
Tenant	2	3,150
Farm Workers		
Hired farm labor	n/a	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$20,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,820
Unpaid labor*	39	76,822
Farm Production		
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total production expenses	\$832,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$19,804	\$62,002
Total Products Sold		
Market value of products sold	\$358,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$8,515	\$65,755

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